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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, St. John's Conclave is the State of Illinois' premier body of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine; the organization was initially chartered by the Grand Imperial Conclave of the Red Cross of England on February 3, 1872; and

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WHEREAS, St. John's Conclave was declared to be the Conclave No. 1 of the Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of the State of Illinois on August 30, 1872, heading the Empire of the West; and

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WHEREAS, The membership of St. John's Conclave has included many distinguished citizens who have contributed significantly to Chicago and the State of Illinois, including Chicago City Comptroller Theodore T. Gurney (1820-1886), Chicago Mayor DeWitt Clinton Cregier (1829-1898), Lieutenant Governor of Illinois and Brigadier General John Corson Smith (1832-1910), Chief Executive Officer W. Clement Stone (1902-2002), Governor of Illinois Richard B. Ogilvie (1923-1988), and many other leaders in medicine, law, and business; and

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WHEREAS, St. John's Conclave continues in its 151st year of providing fraternal support to the community and following

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1 out the chivalric traditions of Constantinian Freemasonry;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we declare March 1, 2023 as St. John's Conclave Day in the
6 State of Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the Recorder Martin P. Starr of St. John's
9 Conclave.