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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Buddy Guy was born to a sharecropper's family
3 near the town of Lettsworth, Louisiana in 1936 and began
4 playing guitar at the age of seven after building his own
5 guitar; and

6 WHEREAS, Buddy Guy moved to Chicago in 1957, gaining
7 recognition for a fiery and flashy guitar playing style that
8 drew the attention of other blues players and songwriters,
9 including Muddy Waters and Willie Dixon; and

10 WHEREAS, Buddy Guy began working as a guitarist for
11 Chicago's Chess Records in 1960, playing a pivotal role on
12 albums for other artists, including Muddy Waters, Koko Taylor,
13 Howlin' Wolf, and Little Walter, among others, while also
14 launching his own career as a solo artist, which developed
15 into extensive tours around the world; and

16 WHEREAS, Buddy Guy opened his own nightclub, Buddy Guy's
17 Legends, in Chicago in 1989, where he has played annual
18 residencies and acted as a host for other blues musicians; and

19 WHEREAS, Buddy Guy was inducted into the Blues Hall of
20 Fame in 1985 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2005; he was
21 awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2003 and was a Kennedy

1 Center honoree in 2012; that same year, he performed the song
2 Sweet Home Chicago at the White House, where he was joined by
3 President Obama for the chorus; he won the Grammy Award for
4 lifetime achievement in 2015; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we declare November 24, 2023 as Buddy Guy Day in the State of
8 Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Buddy Guy as an expression of our esteem and
11 respect.