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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Many people enjoy learning about history, and the recognition, or study, of the past allows students of all ages, young and old, the opportunity to learn and grow; and

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WHEREAS, History offers many important insights into the present and the possible future; by learning and understanding the successes and failures of the past, the groundwork for a brighter future ahead is laid; it is important to encourage history education due to its instillment of civic duties and qualities that good citizenship requires; and

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WHEREAS, Connections to the past help build empathic connections to the present and the future, aid in the acquisition of research, writing, and analytical skills that are beneficial in any career field, and offer greater insight into local, state, national, and global affairs; and

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WHEREAS, History comes in many forms, including diaries and journals, audio and visual recordings, and pop culture, which assist in ensuring the current generation's legacy is passed down to future generations; it is important to honor the legacies our ancestors left for us, for better or worse, as we hope that our descendants will honor us; and

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1 WHEREAS, National History Day is a nonprofit education
2 organization improving the teaching and learning of history;
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4 WHEREAS, National History Day reaches more than half a
5 million students and tens of thousands of teachers each year
6 through its international student history contest and its wide
7 range of professional development programs for teachers,
8 curriculum tools, and other educational activities; and

9 WHEREAS, National History Day's core program is its
10 competition in which students in grades 6 through 12 choose a
11 historical topic that they then dive deeply into by conducting
12 extensive research in libraries, archives, and museums before
13 presenting their conclusions and evidence through papers,
14 exhibits, performances, documentaries, or websites, moving
15 through a series of contest levels where they are evaluated by
16 professional historians and educators; and

17 WHEREAS, The knowledge of history is the birthright of all
18 individuals from every walk of life, and the study of history
19 allows us to learn and grow from the past in order to advance
20 towards a brighter, happier, and more peaceful future where we
21 can live life to the fullest; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we declare June 15, 2024 as History Day in the State of
3 Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the National History Day organization as a symbol
6 of our respect and esteem.