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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Ninety-four duly elected county coroners, seven
3 duly elected county sheriff-coroners, and one duly appointed
4 county medical examiner, along with their respective staff
5 members, provide medicolegal death investigation services to
6 the people of the State of Illinois and visitors to our state;
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WHEREAS, These medicolegal death investigation
9 professionals are essential to the criminal justice system,
10 public safety, and the public health of the State of Illinois;
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WHEREAS, These medicolegal death investigation
13 professionals diligently perform their duties making inquiry
14 into the manner and cause of an individual's death under
15 physically and emotionally demanding conditions, including,
16 but not limited to, the deaths of children, the current opiate
17 epidemic, the recent COVID-19 pandemic, victims of violence at
18 the hands of another, and a never-ending litany of deaths that
19 occur under harsh, unexpected, and other tragic circumstances;
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WHEREAS, These medicolegal death investigation
22 professionals serve as an advocate for the deceased, give

1 voices to those who have been forever stilled, and strive to
2 seek answers to extremely difficult questions, serving the
3 needs of the survivors left behind and the good of the public
4 welfare; and

5 WHEREAS, These medicolegal death investigation
6 professionals pursue further training and education through
7 the Illinois Coroner Training Board, the Illinois Coroners and
8 Medical Examiners Association, the International Association
9 of Coroners and Medical Examiners, the American Board of
10 Medicolegal Death Investigators, the National Association of
11 Medical Examiners, and a host of other related organizations
12 to continue their professional development as skilled,
13 qualified, ethical, and knowledgeable investigators, fiercely
14 loyal to the mission they serve that so often goes without
15 recognition or accolade; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we declare the week of January 21 through January 27, 2024 as
19 Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week in honor of
20 the coroners, deputy coroners, medical examiners, support and
21 ancillary staff, forensic pathologists, and medicolegal death
22 investigators for their ongoing commitment of service to the
23 citizens of Illinois and their communities; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners
3 Association as a symbol of our esteem and respect.