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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, September 17, 2024 marks the 237th anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

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WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a republic dedicated to rule by law; and

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WHEREAS, The Daughters of the American Revolution organization was responsible for the annual designation of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week; and

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WHEREAS, The Daughters of the American Revolution made its own resolution for Constitution Week, which was adopted on April 21, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Members of the U.S. Congress received the resolution, and the resolution was discussed in the U.S. Senate on June 7, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, The first national resolution to observe Constitution Week was made on June 14, 1955 by Senator William F. Knowland of California; and

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1 WHEREAS, Following the passage of the resolution by both
2 houses of Congress, President Eisenhower issued his
3 proclamation on August 19, 1955; and

4 WHEREAS, The first observance of Constitution Week was so
5 successful that on January 5, 1956, Senator Knowland
6 introduced a Senate Joint Resolution to have the president
7 designate September 17 through 23 annually as Constitution
8 Week; and

9 WHEREAS, The resolution was adopted on July 23, 1956 and
10 signed as Public Law 915 on August 2, 1956; and

11 WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a
12 proclamation each year by the President of the United States
13 of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution
14 Week; and

15 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to accord official
16 recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable
17 anniversary and to the patriotic celebrations which will
18 commemorate it; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we declare the week of September 17 through September 23, 2024

1 as Constitution Week in the State of Illinois; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That we urge our citizens to reaffirm the ideals
4 the framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly
5 protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian
6 of our liberties; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the General John Stark Chapter, National Society
9 Daughters of the American Revolution, of Sycamore as a symbol
10 of our esteem and respect.