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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, India is the world's largest democracy and, along with the United States, upholds a system in which the supreme power to govern is invested in the people; and

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WHEREAS, India's independence was achieved with the principles of fairness, dignity, peace, and democracy in mind; and

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WHEREAS, Our nations, both former British colonies, and peoples have forged a close relationship due to our shared beliefs in these and other ideals; and

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WHEREAS, The strong relationship between the United States and India, based on mutual trust and respect, enables close collaboration across a broad spectrum of strategic interests, including counterterrorism, regional economic development, human rights, and scientific research; and

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WHEREAS, The United States and India have balanced, growing, and mutually beneficial trade and investment ties that create jobs in both countries; and

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WHEREAS, Americans of Indian descent have made lasting contributions to the social and economic fabric of the United

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1 States and in Illinois, with Chicago and its surrounding  
2 suburbs home to the second-largest Indian American population  
3 of any metropolitan area in the country; and

4 WHEREAS, August 15, 2024 marks the 77th anniversary of  
5 India's independence from British rule by the signing of the  
6 Indian Independence Act in 1947, which partitioned what was  
7 then British India into the two separate states of India and  
8 Pakistan and established a free and independent Indian nation  
9 following the long struggle of the Indian Independence  
10 Movement; and

11 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to celebrate with the  
12 Indian people and to reaffirm the democratic principles on  
13 which our two great nations were born; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the 77th  
16 anniversary of India's Independence on August 15, 2024.