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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, There are thousands of public, academic, school,  
3 governmental, and specialized libraries in the United States  
4 and the State of Illinois that provide excellent and invaluable  
5 service to library users regardless of age, ethnicity, or  
6 socioeconomic background; and

7           WHEREAS, Libraries provide millions of people with the  
8 knowledge and information they need to live, learn, and work in  
9 the 21st Century; and

10           WHEREAS, Librarians and library support staff bring the  
11 nation a world of knowledge in person and online, as well as  
12 personal service and expert assistance in finding what is  
13 needed when it is needed; and

14           WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the unique  
15 contributions of all library workers and the value to  
16 individuals and society of those contributions; and

17           WHEREAS, A steady stream of recruits to library work is  
18 necessary to maintain the vitality of library services in  
19 today's information society; and

20           WHEREAS, Librarians and other library workers must be

1 brought to the table at public policy discussions on key  
2 issues, such as intellectual freedom, equity of access, and  
3 narrowing the digital divide; and

4 WHEREAS, The funding of libraries and salaries for library  
5 workers must be increased to attract more talented people to  
6 work in our nation's libraries and to ensure that these vital  
7 services are delivered each day; and

8 WHEREAS, Libraries, library workers, and library  
9 supporters across America are celebrating National Library  
10 Workers Day sponsored by the American Library  
11 Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA);  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 the Illinois House of Representatives proclaims April 17, 2007,  
16 as Library Workers Day in the State of Illinois and encourages  
17 Illinoisans to take advantage of the variety of library  
18 resources available, and we thank library workers for their  
19 exceptional contributions to American life.