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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Throughout our history, America has welcomed  
3 millions of Irish immigrants to its shores, and those proud  
4 people arrived seeking a better life for themselves, their  
5 families, and future generations; and

6           WHEREAS, Many courageous individuals came during the  
7 terrible years of Ireland's Great Famine in the middle of the  
8 nineteenth century, and their road to prosperity was not easy;  
9 many faced significant obstacles, including discrimination and  
10 poverty; despite these challenges, Irish Americans have risen  
11 to success in every sector of our society; and

12           WHEREAS, Many of the Irish immigrants migrated to Illinois  
13 and have played major roles in our State's commerce, industry,  
14 arts and sciences, and all levels of public and governmental  
15 service; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 designate March of 2008 and every March thereafter as  
19 Irish-American Heritage Month, and all Illinoisans are urged to  
20 observe this month by learning about and commemorating the  
21 contributions of Irish Americans to our nation, our State, and  
22 our local communities; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor of Illinois to issue a  
2           suitable proclamation recognizing the contributions of Irish  
3           Americans to Illinois and to designate March of 2008 and every  
4           March thereafter as Irish-American Heritage Month.