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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 693 2 Credit unions WHEREAS, are not-for-profit financial 3 cooperatives, democratically owned and operated, and founded 4 by people working together toward economic advancement; and 5 WHEREAS, Credit unions embrace a "people helping people" 6 philosophy through the pooling of personal resources 7 leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, 8 empowering members to improve their financial futures and 9 uniting to help those in need; and 10 Credit unions have demonstrated outstanding WHEREAS, leadership throughout the communities in which they have served 11 12 since they were founded more than 150 years ago; and 13 WHEREAS, Credit unions have championed the idea that people 14 from all walks of life should have access to affordable financial services offered by credit unions; and 15 16 WHEREAS, Credit unions empower people to improve their 17 economic situations in 97 nations around the world at more than 18 53,000 credit unions that serve the financial needs of 186 million people, including nearly 400 Illinois credit unions 19

providing financial services to 2.7 million Illinois citizens;

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WHEREAS, Credit unions are developing strong alliances 1 2 that make financial democracy possible in many countries such as Afghanistan, Kenya, Mexico, Ukraine, and throughout the rest 3 of the world; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize October 21, 2010 as International Credit Union Day and ask that all citizens recognize the many contributions credit unions have made to the communities in Illinois, both tangible and intangible, through the years, and honor and express appreciation for the service and commitment of credit unions.