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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The United States Senate and the United States  
3 House of Representatives passed resolutions in 2005  
4 acknowledging the genocide that Serbian forces perpetrated in  
5 all of Bosnia from 1992 to 1995 and in Srebrenica; and

6           WHEREAS, July 11, 2009 is commemorated as the 14th  
7 anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre, in which at least 8,372  
8 innocent Bosniak civilians were summarily executed and 30,000  
9 were expelled from their homes in the worst atrocity in Europe  
10 since the Holocaust; and

11           WHEREAS, This anniversary raises awareness of the tragic  
12 suffering of the Bosnian and Herzegovinian people and honors  
13 and remembers those who died as a result of the policies of  
14 ethnic cleansing and aggression; and

15           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the importance of  
16 this event, which seeks to bring closure for the Bosnian and  
17 Herzegovinian people through justice and truth; therefore, be  
18 it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 designate July 11, 2009 and every July 11 thereafter as

1 Srebrenica Remembrance Day in the State of Illinois; and be it  
2 further

3       RESOLVED, That we designate the week of July 11 every year  
4 as Bosnia and Herzegovina Tribute Week in the State of  
5 Illinois; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That we call upon all the citizens of the State  
7 of Illinois to work toward ending the cycle of violence and to  
8 promote peaceful coexistence among all people on Earth.