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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 712

WHEREAS, The United States Senate and the United States

House of Representatives passed resolutions in 2005

acknowledging the genocide that Serbian forces perpetrated in

all of Bosnia from 1992 to 1995 and in Srebrenica; and

WHEREAS, July 11, 2010 is commemorated as the 15th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre, in which at least 8,372 innocent Bosniak civilians were summarily executed and 30,000 were expelled from their homes in the worst atrocity in Europe since the Holocaust; and

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

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the importance of this event, which seeks to bring closure for the Bosnian and Herzegovinian people through justice and truth; therefore, be 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, 2010 as Srebrenica Remembrance Day in the

- 1 State of Illinois; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That we designate the week of July 11, 2010 as
- 3 Bosnia and Herzegovina Tribute Week in the State of Illinois;
- 4 and be it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That we call upon all the citizens of the State
- of Illinois to work toward ending the cycle of violence and to
- 7 promote peaceful coexistence among all people on Earth.