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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On April 9, 1965, at the Appomattox Court House in
3 the State of Virginia, Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Army of
4 Northern Virginia, surrendered his Confederate forces to
5 Ulysses S. Grant, Commander of the Union Army; and

6 WHEREAS, This was the beginning of the end of the American
7 Civil War, which saw over 750,000 Americans on both sides
8 killed; and

9 WHEREAS, The end of the Civil War also saw the end of
10 slavery in America, freeing a slave population that had reached
11 nearly 4 million in 1860; and

12 WHEREAS, On April 9, 2015, the 150th anniversary of the end
13 of the Civil War, at 2:15 p.m., as part of the "Ring the Bell"
14 campaign, churches, temples, schools, city halls, public
15 buildings, and historic sites are invited to ring their bells
16 for 4 minutes to represent the 4 years of the Civil War; the
17 bells will first ring at the Appomattox Court House National
18 Park to coincide with the moment when General Grant met General
19 Lee to set the terms of the surrender of the Army of Northern
20 Virginia; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 recognize the 150th anniversary of the end of the American
3 Civil War and the end of slavery in the America; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That we encourage people to take part in the
6 "Ring the Bell" campaign in recognition of those who fought in
7 the Civil War and the continuing struggle for Civil Rights.