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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, is a discipline of personal beliefs that incorporates exercise, meditation, and principles based on truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance; its millions of practitioners work to attain inner peace, good health, and better skills to deal with the stress and conflict in life; and

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WHEREAS, Since 1992, over one hundred million people worldwide have become healthier, happier, and more altruistic through their practice of Falun Dafa; on May 13, 2017, thousands of people across the country will celebrate World Falun Dafa Day, marking the 25th anniversary of the introduction of one of the world's most popular meditation and cultivation practices; and

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WHEREAS, Rooted in ancient Chinese spiritual tradition, Falun Gong was first taught publicly in China in 1992 by Li Hongzhi, the founder of the practice; it spread quickly as tens of millions of Chinese citizens found greater health and spiritual well-being through the practice; today, Falun Gong is practiced in over 80 countries worldwide by people of all ages and backgrounds; it is always taught free of charge by volunteers, and can be practiced individually or in groups; and

1 WHEREAS, Falun Dafa practitioners across the United States
2 dedicate countless hours to their communities in organizing
3 free meditation classes, Chinese cultural productions of music
4 and dance, and participating in local events; they are also
5 actively working to bring about a peaceful resolution to the
6 persecution of Falun Gong in China, and improve the future of
7 the world's most populous country; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 declare the week of May 7-13, 2017 as "World Falun Dafa Week"
11 in the State of Illinois, which will cumulate in worldwide
12 celebration on May 13, 2017.