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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, President Barack H. Obama served as the 44th
3 President of the United States of America from January 20, 2009
4 to January 20, 2017; he was the first African American elected
5 to the American Presidency, and the first president born out of
6 the continental United States; and

7 WHEREAS, President Obama represented the 13th Senate
8 District in the Illinois State Senate in Springfield from 1997
9 to 2004; and

10 WHEREAS, President Obama announced his candidacy for
11 President of the United States on February 10, 2007 on the
12 steps of the Old State Capitol in Springfield, the location
13 where in 1858 President Abraham Lincoln delivered his "House
14 Divided" speech; and

15 WHEREAS, President Obama addressed a joint session of the
16 Illinois General Assembly on February 10, 2016 in a speech in
17 which he called upon all Americans to never stop striving to
18 make the United States a more perfect union; and

19 WHEREAS, President Obama believed that working families
20 are the core of what makes America special and showed a deep
21 understanding of the challenges that they faced; his policies

1 always reflected that belief; and

2 WHEREAS, The presidency of Barack Obama was historic, from
3 his remarkable victory to his final days in office, and he
4 brought great pride to Illinois, especially Springfield, where
5 it all began; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 recognize President Barack Obama launching his historic 2008
9 presidential campaign with a speech at the Old State Capitol
10 and his momentous speech before the Illinois General Assembly
11 during his final year in office in 2016.