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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 500

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Resolution 500 by replacing
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 170th anniversary of B'nai B'rith
5 International; and

6 WHEREAS, The organization was founded on the Lower East
7 Side of New York to improve the lives of new German Jewish
8 immigrants to America; and

9 WHEREAS, B'nai B'rith is the oldest service organization
10 founded in the United States and has an unparalleled record of
11 aiding humanity in communities throughout the United States and
12 more than 50 other nations (the American Red Cross, which was
13 founded 38 years later, was co-founded by a B'nai B'rith
14 member); and

1 WHEREAS, B'nai B'rith has provided over \$100 million in
2 cash, medical equipment, and supplies to victims of disasters
3 worldwide since 1868; and

4 WHEREAS, B'nai B'rith is a strong and vocal advocate for
5 the promotion of the State of Israel and has had an active
6 presence in Israel since 1888; and

7 WHEREAS, B'nai B'rith has had an active presence as an NGO
8 at the United Nations since its founding and is the only Jewish
9 NGO with full-time representation at the United Nations in New
10 York and its agencies in Europe and Latin America; and

11 WHEREAS, B'nai B'rith is America's largest Jewish sponsor
12 of federally-funded housing for seniors with limited income,
13 provides safe, comfortable, and affordable housing for seniors
14 without regard for race, religion, and ethnicity, and has an
15 international network of senior living facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, B'nai B'rith is widely acclaimed as a forceful
17 advocate for senior citizens, with a special emphasis on
18 protecting Social Security and Medicare and in supporting
19 health care reform for all; and

20 WHEREAS, B'nai B'rith has a 100-year record of commitment
21 to cultural diversity, tolerance, and understanding,

1 complemented by the Diverse Minds Youth Writing Challenge,
2 through which high school students write and illustrate books;
3 B'nai B'rith publishes the books for elementary school
4 children, teaching them the values of tolerance and diversity;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, B'nai B'rith members in local communities provide
7 countless hours of service to local projects to better the
8 communities in which they live; and

9 WHEREAS, The B'nai B'rith International president, Mr.
10 Allan J. Jacobs, is a resident of Lake Forest; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we designate October 13, 2013 as B'nai B'rith Day in the State
14 of Illinois."