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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Generations of immigrants from every corner of the
3 globe have helped build the economy of Illinois and thus have
4 shaped the unique character of our nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Fourteen percent of our State's residents are
6 immigrants, over 1.8 million people; and

7 WHEREAS, Immigrant entrepreneurs and small business owners
8 create jobs, pay taxes, and play an important role in our
9 State's economy; and

10 WHEREAS, Sara Lee, Kraft, McDonald's, The Boeing Company,
11 and Baxter International are some of the most successful
12 companies in Illinois, founded by immigrants or children of
13 immigrants, and bring in more than \$140 billion in annual
14 revenue; and

15 WHEREAS, Immigrants have provided the State with unique
16 social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the
17 character of our State, and thus of our nation; and

18 WHEREAS, Immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in
19 securing their own rights and access to economic, social, and
20 political opportunity, but have also fought to create a fairer

1 and more just society for all Americans; and

2 WHEREAS, Despite these countless contributions to our
3 nation, the role of immigrants has frequently been and
4 continues to be overlooked and undervalued; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
7 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare June of 2017 to be
8 "Immigrant Heritage Month" in the State of Illinois; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation for all of the
11 immigrants whose perseverance and resilience have helped make
12 the United States of America a beacon for diversity,
13 inclusivity, and opportunity.