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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to recognizing
3 that our growth and strength depend on the safety and economic
4 value of the homes, buildings, and infrastructure that serve
5 our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural
6 disaster; and

7 WHEREAS, Our confidence in the structural integrity of
8 these buildings that make up our communities is achieved
9 through the devotion of vigilant guardians, building safety and
10 fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders,
11 tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in
12 the construction industry who work year-round to ensure the
13 safe construction of buildings; and

14 WHEREAS, These guardians are dedicated members of the
15 International Code Council, a United States-based organization
16 that brings together local, state, and federal officials who
17 are experts in the built environment, to create and implement
18 the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where
19 we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

20 WHEREAS, Our nation benefits economically and
21 technologically from the International Codes that are
22 developed by national, voluntary consensus codes; with a

1 standard-developing organization our government is able to
2 avoid the high costs and complexity of developing and
3 maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted
4 building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation; these
5 modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public
6 from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms,
7 tornadoes, fires and wildfires, floods, and earthquakes; and

8 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the
9 International Code Council to remind the public about the
10 critical role of the largely unknown guardians of community and
11 public safety, the local code officials, who assure safe,
12 efficient, and livable buildings which are essential to keeping
13 America great; and

14 WHEREAS, "Code Officials-Partners in Community Safety and
15 Economic Growth", is the theme for Building Safety Month 2017;
16 it encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the
17 importance of building safe and resilient construction, fire
18 prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the
19 construction industry; Building Safety Month 2017 encourages
20 appropriate steps that everyone can take to ensure that the
21 places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe,
22 and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the
23 implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

1 WHEREAS, Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month,
2 Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve
3 building safety and economic investment at home and in the
4 community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to
5 all of us by local and state building departments, fire
6 prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives
7 and property; 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 month of May of 2017 as "Building Safety Month" in
11 the State of Illinois and encourage our citizens to join with
12 their communities in participation in Building Safety Month
13 activities; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the International Code Council as an expression of
16 our respect and esteem.