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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, From the beginning of our history, Irish Americans have contributed to the cultural and economic development of both the State of Illinois and the United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, Generations of Irish immigrants have crossed the Atlantic in pursuit of a better life and with a drive to be successful in America; and

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WHEREAS, Despite an early lack of employment opportunities in developing America, Irish immigrants supported and became leaders of union efforts; and

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WHEREAS, With their extraordinary organizational abilities, Irish Americans transformed American politics by putting local working class people into positions of political power; and

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WHEREAS, Irish Americans have helped develop American culture with prominent contributions in the arts and entertainment through their rich heritage and culture; and

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WHEREAS, Today, an estimated 34.5 million Americans proudly trace their heritage to Irish roots and continue to

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1 significantly influence American culture; and

2 WHEREAS, Irish Americans represent the resilience and grit  
3 needed to achieve the American dream; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout much of the 21st century, American  
5 Presidents have pronounced March as "Irish American Heritage  
6 Month"; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we,  
9 designate March of 2017 as "Irish American Heritage Month"; and  
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the Ancient Order of Hibernians Illinois State  
13 Board as an expression of our esteem and respect.