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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 1917, Chicago business leader Melvin Jones  
3 encouraged members of various business organizations to reach  
4 beyond business and strive for the betterment of their  
5 communities and the world; and

6 WHEREAS, On June 7, 1917, an organizational meeting was  
7 held in Chicago and the group took the name "Association of  
8 Lions Clubs" and embarked on what would be a purpose to promote  
9 good government and citizenship, civic and community  
10 involvement, create a forum for public interest, and encourage  
11 community service; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1920, Lions Clubs chartered a club in Windsor,  
13 Canada, thus becoming an international service organization;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In 1925, Helen Keller charged the Lions with being  
16 "knights of the blind" and began one of the Lions most active  
17 service roles, to aid the visually impaired; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1939, Lion Carl Edwin Stotz called on support  
19 from Lions to organize a baseball program for children, thus  
20 creating Little League Baseball; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1968, the Lions Clubs International Foundation  
2 was established and has since given more than \$826 million in  
3 grants to support humanitarian work; and

4           WHEREAS, Staying true to their motto "We Serve", Lions  
5 Clubs throughout the world have played integral roles in aiding  
6 flood, earthquake, and tsunami victims, fighting the spread of  
7 blindness and measles, and immunizing children at risk of  
8 disease; and

9           WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International will celebrate its  
10 100th anniversary and its first century of service at its  
11 Chicago Centennial Celebration from June 30 to July 4, 2017,  
12 which will feature the plenary session of Lions on Sunday, July  
13 2; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 recognize July 2, 2017 as Lions Day in Illinois to give  
17 recognition to Lions across Illinois, and the world, for their  
18 commitment to serving the peoples of the world; and be it  
19 further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the president and the board of directors of Lions  
22 Clubs International.