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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, One hundred years ago, in 1917, the Athletic
3 Officials Association (AOA) was established as a
4 not-for-profit member association with the Illinois High
5 School Association (IHSA); and

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WHEREAS, The AOA became the first association for sports
7 officials in the United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, The AOA now serves over 400 officials from all
over Northeastern Illinois with divisions in football,
basketball, baseball, and softball; these divisions and the
11 Executive Board are governed by an all-volunteer staff made up
12 of IHSA officials and umpires, dedicated to furthering the
13 careers of AOA officials by providing educational
14 opportunities in rules knowledge, holding instructional
15 meetings, professionalism training, and promoting
16 sportsmanship amongst officials, players, coaches, and fans;
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WHEREAS, In furtherance of AOA goals, the AOA instructs
each division to design and implement an observer program using
members of a certified level with IHSA, with NCAA experience,
professional experience, or ISHA State tournament series level
experience to observe and advise new AOA members and all

1 non-certified level association member officials; and

2 WHEREAS, The AOA annually recognizes individuals for their
3 contributions to the continuing education of sports officials
4 with the Abe Glick Award and inductions into the AOA
5 Hall-of-Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, On the 20th day of May in the year 2017, the AOA
7 will be celebrating its 100th anniversary; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the
10 Athletic Officials Association and all of its members for its
11 continued support and dedication in their respective sports and
12 in honor of its 100th anniversary; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we declare May 20, 2017 as "AOA Day" in the
14 State of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Athletic Officials Association as an
17 expression of our appreciation for its continued support and
18 dedication to the success of high school sports in the State of
19 Illinois.