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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The year 2017 marked 100 years since the Bolshevik  
3 Revolution in Russia which resulted in the world's first  
4 communist regime under Vladimir Lenin; this led to decades of  
5 oppression and violence under communist regimes throughout the  
6 world; and

7           WHEREAS, Based on the philosophy of Karl Marx, communism  
8 has proven incompatible with the ideals of liberty, prosperity,  
9 and dignity of human life and has given rise to such infamous  
10 totalitarian dictators as Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Ho Chi  
11 Minh, Pol Pot, Nicolae Ceausescu, the Castro brothers, and the  
12 Kim dynasty; and

13           WHEREAS, A National Day for the Victims of Communism was  
14 declared November 7, 2017, condemning communism as a political  
15 philosophy "incompatible with liberty, prosperity, and the  
16 dignity of human life"; and

17           WHEREAS, Communist regimes worldwide have killed over 100  
18 million people and subjected countless others to the worst and  
19 most widespread human rights abuses known to history, with  
20 victims representing many different ethnicities, creeds, and  
21 backgrounds; and

1           WHEREAS, Communist regimes have, as a matter of government  
2 policy, robbed their own citizens of the rights of freedom of  
3 religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of association through  
4 coercion, brutality, and fear; and

5           WHEREAS, Many victims of communism were persecuted as  
6 political prisoners for speaking out against these regimes, and  
7 others were killed in genocidal state-sponsored purges; and

8           WHEREAS, In addition to violating basic human rights,  
9 communist regimes have suppressed freedom of conscience,  
10 cultural life, and self-determination movements in over 40  
11 nations; and

12           WHEREAS, The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in  
13 Washington, D.C. is a nonprofit organization, authorized by  
14 unanimous Act of the United States Congress, that educates  
15 people about the ideology, history, and legacy of communism and  
16 honors the people who have suffered and died under communist  
17 regimes; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we declare November 7, 2019 as Victims of Communism Memorial  
21 Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation as a  
3 symbol of our respect and esteem.