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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation; it was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

WHEREAS, It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize people to intercede for America's leaders and its families; and

WHEREAS, Because of the faith of many of our founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May; each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day; last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations; and

WHEREAS, Like Thanksgiving and Christmas, this day is

1 observed annually across the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, This year's theme for the National Day of Prayer  
3 is "Love One Another"; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we recognize May 2, 2019 as the National Day of Prayer.