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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, April 26, 2022 marks the 200th anniversary of the
3 birth of Frederick Law Olmsted; and

4 WHEREAS, Over a lengthy career, Frederick Law Olmsted was
5 an author, journalist, public official, city planner,
6 landscape architect, and creative genius who transformed the
7 American landscape; and

8 WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted's philosophy and designs
9 influenced the development of beautiful and functional
10 landscapes, including parks and parkways, college campuses,
11 planned communities, estates, cemeteries, recreation areas,
12 and specialized landscapes for arboreta and expositions,
13 including Jackson and Washington Parks in Chicago, the World's
14 Columbian Exposition of 1893 in Chicago, and the Village of
15 Riverside; and

16 WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted is remembered as the
17 premier landscape architect in the United States during the
18 19th century and is considered to be the founder of landscape
19 architecture in the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted was one of the first
21 individuals to promote the idea of national parks in his 1865

1 Yosemite Report; and

2 WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted believed that thoughtful
3 landscape designs should promote community, advance democracy,
4 provide recreational opportunities in urban environments,
5 nurture and invigorate public health, and encourage the
6 development of livable communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted's associates, sons, and
8 successor firms carried out his philosophy and designs well
9 into the 20th century, leaving a tremendous legacy of historic
10 landscapes that continues to benefit the people of the United
11 States and visitors throughout the world; and

12 WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted inspired the development of
13 large parks and park systems for public benefit in urban
14 areas, creating a legacy of parks that are a singular feature
15 of the urban experience; and

16 WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted's landscape designs play a
17 vital role in the enrichment of Illinois and contribute to the
18 quality of life in Illinois and hundreds of communities across
19 the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, Communities across the country are celebrating
21 this bicentennial anniversary as part of the coordinated

1 national and local celebration known as Olmsted 200;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we declare April 26, 2022 as "Frederick Law Olmsted Day" in the
6 State of Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be
8 presented to the organizers of the Olmsted 200 celebration.