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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Parliament of the
4 World's Religions on its 130th anniversary and celebrate its
5 return to the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The first Parliament of the World's Religions was
7 held in Chicago in 1893, marking the first formal gathering of
8 representatives from various religious traditions from around
9 the world; it returned to Chicago in 1993 to celebrate its
10 100th year anniversary; and

11 WHEREAS, The Parliament of the World's Religions
12 represented a historic moment of interfaith dialogue,
13 understanding, and cooperation and paved the way for greater
14 religious harmony and pluralism in the United States and
15 beyond; and

16 WHEREAS, The Parliament of the World's Religions has
17 continued to convene in cities around the world and will be
18 returning to Chicago in August of 2023, promoting interfaith
19 understanding and cooperation and advancing the cause of
20 peace, justice, and sustainability across the globe; and

21 WHEREAS, Many distinguished leaders have spoken at the

1 Parliament of World's Religions, including Nelson Mandela,
2 Oprah Winfrey, Dr. Jane Goodall, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and
3 President Jimmy Carter; and

4 WHEREAS, During the month of August in 2023, the
5 Parliament of the World's Religions will generate over \$10
6 million in tourist and participant-related revenues for the
7 local economy and provide over 4,000 hours of volunteer
8 service benefiting local charitable initiatives; and

9 WHEREAS, Interfaith dialogue and cooperation is important
10 and can promote a greater understanding and appreciation among
11 people of different religious traditions; and

12 WHEREAS, August 2023 marks the return of the Parliament of
13 the World's Religions to Illinois and provides an opportunity
14 to celebrate the rich diversity of religious traditions and to
15 reaffirm a commitment to promoting interfaith understanding
16 and cooperation, defending freedom, and human rights;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate the Parliament of the World's Religions on its
21 130th anniversary and celebrate its return to the State of
22 Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we recognize the Parliament of the World's
2 Religions' focus on defending freedom and human rights, the
3 power of diversity, addressing wealth disparities, caring for
4 the Earth, and encouraging sustainable living; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of a strong
7 interfaith movement; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to the organizers of the Parliament of the World's
10 Religions.