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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Superman's origin is one of the best-known
3 stories in comic book history; and

4 WHEREAS, Superman's date of birth has been a matter of
5 debate over his career as a crime fighter; and

6 WHEREAS, February 29 was ordained as Clark Kent's birthday
7 in a 1976 edition of DC Comics' Super Calendar", which also
8 listed a number of historic occasions and established
9 birthdays for numerous other characters, including Lois Lane;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, DC Comics' initial reasoning for establishing
12 Superman's birthday on leap day was because the day only
13 appears every four years, which could explain why Superman is
14 still "young" after appearing in comics for generations; and

15 WHEREAS, Superman's ties to Illinois include the town of
16 Metropolis in Southern Illinois, which was proclaimed as the
17 "Hometown of Superman" by the Illinois House of
18 Representatives on June 9, 1972; and

19 WHEREAS, Superman's date of birth has bounced from date to
20 date, but only one date, February 29, has been officially

1 celebrated by DC Comics in recent years; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we declare February 29, 2024 as "Superman Day" in the State of
5 Illinois.