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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On March 20, 2018, the Zion City Council named
3 the zinnia as the official flower of Zion; and

4 WHEREAS, Zinnias hold historical significance, as the
5 founders of Zion planted zinnias in front of the Shiloh House,
6 a mansion that was built in 1901 and was the residence of
7 Zion's founder, Dr. John Alexander Dowie; and

8 WHEREAS, Zion officials and residents are proud to call
9 the zinnia their official flower, connecting the city's rich
10 heritage to the founders; and

11 WHEREAS, Zion encourages its residents to plant zinnias
12 around town to beautify the community; and

13 WHEREAS, Zinnias represent joy and prosperity as each dead
14 flower produces new seeds, inspiring and motivating the
15 community to continue to grow more and more zinnias; and

16 WHEREAS, The zinnia comes in a variety of colors and
17 sizes, symbolizing Zion's greatest asset, its diversity; and

18 WHEREAS, Planting zinnias adds to a resident's quality of
19 life as gardening reduces stress and gives residents and

1 visitors alike a reason to enjoy the outdoors; and

2 WHEREAS, Zion became a Monarch City on April 6, 2021 and is
3 dedicated to caring for and celebrating monarchs, hosting an
4 annual Zinnia & Monarch Festival; and

5 WHEREAS, Zinnias provide a great source of nectar for
6 monarch butterflies; and

7 WHEREAS, Businesses and individuals are adopting locations
8 to plant zinnias around the community and are encouraging
9 residents to plant them at their homes; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that declare the City of
13 Zion as the 2024 Zinnia Capital of Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the City of Zion.