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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On June 7, 1893, Mohandas K. Gandhi, who became known the world over as Mahatma Gandhi or Gandhi, was evicted from a train after refusing to give up his first class seat because the compartment was reserved for whites only; and

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WHEREAS, Gandhi's experience led to the movement of Satyagraha, which is a peaceful nonviolence resistance on the principles of Ahimsa; and

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WHEREAS, Gandhi was a proponent for the principles of Ahimsa as he led and inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world; and

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WHEREAS, Gandhi adopted nonviolence as a philosophy and an ideal way of life; and

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WHEREAS, Gandhi was a leader in India's movement to earn independence from the United Kingdom through the means of using nonviolence, and he subsequently influenced leaders around the world in pursuit of freedom and civil rights, including South African anti-apartheid activist and politician Nelson Mandela and American minister and activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 7, 2024
3 as "Global Gandhi Youth Mission Day" in the State of Illinois;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we encourage others to be the change they
6 want to see in the world; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago as a
9 symbol of peace.