

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The institution of slavery was terminated in a
3 complex series of events occurring during and immediately
4 after the Civil War; and

5 WHEREAS, On June 19th, 1865, the last of the slaves held
6 in bondage in the United States were set free; and

7 WHEREAS, All Americans benefit from and all Americans
8 should remember and celebrate the ending of slavery and the
9 joining together of all of our people in freedom; and

10 WHEREAS, Our free enterprise system is fundamentally at
11 odds with slavery and has been strengthened by its
12 elimination; and

13 WHEREAS, No single Day of Remembrance is currently
14 established for the celebration of slavery's end; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States currently celebrates two
16 national Days of Remembrance, "Flag Day" and "Pearl Harbor
17 Day"; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and six other states
19 currently celebrate "Juneteenth" on June 19th of each year to
20 recall the end of slavery; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we designate June 19th as "Juneteenth Day of Remembrance" in
24 the State of Illinois to recall the ending of the horrid
25 institution of slavery.