



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Slovak Catholic Sokol was founded by American
3 Catholics of Slovak ancestry in the City of Passaic and the
4 State of New Jersey on July 4, 1905; and

5 WHEREAS, The Slovak Catholic Sokol is observing its one
6 hundredth anniversary during the year July 4, 2005 through July
7 4, 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, The Slovak Catholic Sokol, having the distinction
9 of being America's greatest Slovak gymnastic and athletic
10 fraternity, was organized for the purpose of benevolence and
11 physical fitness, which it continues to practice since its
12 inception, living up to the slogan of the organization, "A
13 Sound Mind in a Sound Body"; and

14 WHEREAS, The Slovak Catholic Sokol, by contributing
15 generously to churches, schools, and educational and cultural
16 institutions, and by fostering education, brotherly love, and
17 loyalty to one's country, as citizens of the United States and
18 Canada, continues to act in keeping with its motto, "For God
19 and Country"; and

20 WHEREAS, The first assembly of the Slovak Catholic Sokol,
21 Assembly 11, was organized in the City of Chicago and the State
22 of Illinois on July 8, 1906, at St. Michael the Archangel
23 Parish, at 48th Street and Damen Avenue, and numerous other
24 assemblies and wreaths were founded locally in Illinois,
25 Indiana, and Wisconsin during the following years; and

26 WHEREAS, The assemblies and wreaths founded in Illinois,
27 Indiana, and Wisconsin were brought together under the umbrella
28 of Group Four, which was organized in the City of Chicago and
29 the State of Illinois on April 11, 1911, at St. Michael the
30 Archangel Parish; and

1 WHEREAS, The membership of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in
2 Group Four now numbers over three thousand; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of Group Four will officially
4 celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Slovak Catholic
5 Sokol on Sunday, September 25, 2005, with a Solemn Holy Mass at
6 St. Simon the Apostle Church, followed by a Gala Celebration at
7 the Hickory Hills Country Club in Hickory Hills; therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we proclaim the week of September 25 to October 1, 2005 be
12 called "Slovak Catholic Sokol Week" in the State of Illinois
13 and urge our good citizens to join in making this celebration
14 successful; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Slovak Catholic Sokol as an expression of our
17 esteem.