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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Adlai Ewing Stevenson II, born on February 5,
3 1900, was raised in Bloomington, Illinois, attended schools in
4 Bloomington and Normal, and worked at the Daily Pantagraph; and

5 WHEREAS, Adlai Stevenson II served his country in numerous
6 government posts, including attendance at the 1945 San
7 Francisco Conference that founded the United Nations, his
8 election in 1948 to the office of Governor of the State of
9 Illinois, and his appointment as United States Ambassador to
10 the United Nations from 1961 until the time of his death in
11 1965, after which he was interred in his family plot at
12 Evergreen Cemetery in Bloomington; and

13 WHEREAS, Adlai Stevenson II was tremendously admired for
14 the eloquence with which he campaigned for the office of
15 President of the United States in 1952 and 1956, saying "Let's
16 talk sense to the American people. Let's tell them the truth,
17 that there are no gains without pains, that we are now on the
18 eve of great decisions, not easy decisions, like resistance
19 when you are attacked, but a long, patient, costly struggle
20 which alone can assure triumph over the great many enemies of
21 man - war, poverty, and tyranny - and the assaults upon human
22 dignity which are the most grievous consequences of each."; and

1 WHEREAS, The following teachers and students of Oakland
2 Elementary School, in cooperation with the McLean County Museum
3 of History, studied the life of Adlai Stevenson II and
4 requested that we issue this resolution in his honor; the third
5 grade students are Brooke Arnold, Jyostna Bitra, Baily Bruketta,
6 Matthew Gentry, Jonah Goughnour, Faith Hagerty, Rebecca
7 Maxedon, Manasi Mittal, Shrisha Patel, Brittney Peden, Kathryn
8 Verplaetse, Simmy Wood, and their teacher, Janenne Scott; and

9 WHEREAS, The fourth grade students are Autumn Bess, Kenzie
10 Cannon, Jared Collier, Ben Gibson, Ellen Golowski, Becky Horan,
11 Michele Irwin, Tina Kaufman, Whitney Learned, Kamrie Olson,
12 Jake Parker, Tanmay Shah, Nick Wardrop, and their teacher,
13 Shari Cooper; and

14 WHEREAS, The fifth grade students are Sam Doud, Matthew
15 Fagerland, Connor Gentry, Jackie Haskins, Brandon Leifheit,
16 Mitchell Morris, Dhruva Patil, Katie Ripsch, Maureen Reidy,
17 Zachary Skeen, Sam Strobel, their teachers, Leslie Frizzell and
18 Josh Oberts, and Media Specialist Amy Oberts; and

19 WHEREAS, The McLean County Museum of History members are
20 Executive Director Greg Koos and Director of Education Laura
21 Wheaton; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 February 5, 2008 and every February 5 thereafter be designated
3 Adlai Stevenson Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 presented to McLean County Museum of History Executive Director
6 Greg Koos, and Oakland Elementary School teachers Janenne
7 Scott, Shari Cooper, Leslie Frizzell, Josh Oberts, and Amy
8 Oberts.