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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Credit unions are not-for-profit financial  
3 cooperatives, democratically owned and operated, and founded  
4 by people working together toward economic advancement; and

5           WHEREAS, Credit unions embrace a "people helping people"  
6 philosophy through the pooling of personal resources and  
7 leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative,  
8 empowering members to improve their financial futures and  
9 uniting to help those in need; and

10           WHEREAS, Credit unions have demonstrated outstanding  
11 leadership throughout the communities in which they have served  
12 since they were founded more than 150 years ago; and

13           WHEREAS, Credit unions have championed the idea that people  
14 from all walks of life should have access to affordable  
15 financial services offered by credit unions; and

16           WHEREAS, Credit unions empower people to improve their  
17 economic situations in 97 nations around the world at more than  
18 53,000 credit unions that serve the financial needs of 186  
19 million people, including nearly 400 Illinois credit unions  
20 providing financial services to 2.7 million Illinois citizens;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, Credit unions are developing strong alliances  
2 that make financial democracy possible in many countries such  
3 as Afghanistan, Kenya, Mexico, Ukraine, and throughout the rest  
4 of the world; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 recognize October 15, 2009 as International Credit Union Day  
8 and ask that all citizens recognize the many contributions  
9 credit unions have made to the communities in Illinois, both  
10 tangible and intangible, through the years, and honor and  
11 express appreciation for the service and commitment of credit  
12 unions.