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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Throughout our history, America has welcomed  
3 millions of Polish immigrants to its shores, and those proud  
4 people arrived seeking a better life for themselves, their  
5 families, and future generations; and

6           WHEREAS, This year marks the 403rd anniversary of Polish  
7 settlers arriving in the United States of America; and

8           WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage will mark the 232nd  
9 anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, father of  
10 the American cavalry, and the 100th anniversary of Marie  
11 Sklodowska Curie's receipt of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for  
12 her discovery of the radioactive elements polonium and radium;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage have contributed  
15 greatly to global advancement and advancement of the United  
16 States, and the State of Illinois in particular, during the 403  
17 years since the first Polish immigrants settled here; and

18           WHEREAS, Polish notables include Ignacy Jan Paderewski,  
19 one of the most famous and popular pianists of all time;  
20 Casimir Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko, heroes of the  
21 American Revolution; Leopold Stokowski, a renowned

1 international conductor; Zbigniew Brzezinski, National  
2 Security Advisor to President Carter; and Edmund Muskie, a  
3 United States Senator from Maine; and

4 WHEREAS, The Polish people have many reasons to be proud of  
5 and to celebrate their heritage, culture, and the achievements  
6 of their people; and

7 WHEREAS, All Illinoisans are grateful for the many  
8 contributions of Poland and its citizens to our state;  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we designate October of 2011 as Polish-American Heritage Month  
13 in the State of Illinois and urge the citizens of this State to  
14 observe this month by learning about and commemorating the  
15 contributions of Polish Americans to our nation, our State, and  
16 our local communities; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor of Illinois to issue a  
18 suitable proclamation recognizing the contributions of Polish  
19 Americans to Illinois and to proclaim October of 2011 as  
20 Polish-American Heritage Month.