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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives recognize that gang violence is a growing
4 global epidemic that affects people of every age, race,
5 culture, gender and financial background; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the Rusty Keeble
7 Foundation are working to help achieve a gang-free America
8 through the GANGFREE Illinois campaign; GANGFREE Illinois
9 provides assistance and support for evidence-based prevention
10 and intervention programs, public forums for community
11 discussions, professional development training, effective
12 enforcement, and intelligence sharing in order to combat gang
13 violence in Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, During the month of November, communities and
15 criminal justice professionals of all disciplines throughout
16 the State, in conjunction with various State agencies and the
17 Rusty Keeble Foundation's GANGFREE Project, will take a stand
18 against gangs and the threat they pose to public safety; and

19 WHEREAS, This year's GANGFREE Month will promote the
20 benefits of prevention, intervention, and enforcement within
21 our communities, schools, jails, and prisons; this observance
22 will educate citizens on gang violence and how it can be

1 eradicated through a joint effort of a committed community; and

2 WHEREAS, The members of this body call upon young people
3 and all citizens in the State of Illinois and elsewhere to
4 recognize and unite against the proliferation of gangs and gang
5 violence within our communities; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we designate November of 2012 as GANGFREE Illinois Month and
9 call upon the citizens of this State to take a stand against
10 the proliferation of gangs and gang violence by becoming active
11 in their communities; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we pledge our support to those law
13 enforcement officials, volunteers, teachers, health care
14 professionals, and others who work to help our children avoid
15 gangs and gang violence and urge the citizens of this State to
16 support these individuals as well; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Rusty Keeble Foundation as a symbol of our
19 respect and esteem.