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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Gang violence is recognized as a growing global epidemic that is affecting people of every age, race, culture, gender, and financial background; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the Rusty Keeble Foundation are working to help achieve a gang free America through the GANGFREE campaign by providing assistance and support for evidenced based prevention and intervention programs, public forums for community discussions, professional development training, effective enforcement, and intelligence sharing; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois and the Rusty Keeble Foundation's GANGFREE project will be celebrating the month of November 2013, during which communities and criminal justice professionals within all disciplines throughout the State will take a stand against gangs and the threat they pose to public safety; and

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WHEREAS, This year's GANGFREE month will promote the benefits of prevention, intervention, and enforcement within our communities, schools, jails, and prisons; this observance will educate the community on gang violence and how it can be eradicated through a joint effort of a committed community;

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1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we declare November 2013 to be GANGFREE Month in the State of
5 Illinois and call upon all citizens of the State to take a
6 stand against the proliferation of gangs and gang violence by
7 becoming active in the community and we urge all citizens to
8 support law enforcement officials, volunteers, teachers,
9 health care professionals, and all those who work to help our
10 children avoid gangs and gang violence; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the GANGFREE project as an expression of our
13 esteem and respect.