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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The World Kindness Movement is an organization
3 with no religious or political affiliation whose chief
4 objective is to foster goodwill among the local, national, and
5 international communities; by way of kindness, the movement
6 hopes to create greater understanding and co-operation between
7 all people and nations throughout the world; and

8 WHEREAS, The World Kindness Movement was conceived at a
9 Tokyo conference in 1996 when founders of the Small Kindness
10 Movement in Japan brought together like-minded individuals
11 from around the world who had started kindness movements in
12 their own countries; a second conference was held in 1997 in
13 which the World Kindness Movement was formed, with the founding
14 members being the countries of Japan, Singapore, Australia,
15 Canada, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the United States;
16 the movement was officially launched in Singapore in November
17 of 2000 at the Third WKM Conference with 33 delegates from 22
18 countries; and

19 WHEREAS, The date decreed for World Kindness Day is
20 November 13 of each year, which was the opening day of the
21 first World Kindness Movement conference held in Tokyo in 1998,
22 and the 35th anniversary of the Small Kindness Movement of
23 Japan, which brought the signatories of the 'declaration of

1 kindness' of the World Kindness Movement together in 1997; and

2 WHEREAS, Individuals can help implement the goal of the
3 World Kindness Movement by themselves being kind and helping
4 others; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we designate November 13, 2014 as "Random Acts of Kindness Day"
8 and urge all citizens to be kind to others and do a random act
9 of kindness on this day.