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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, John Lewis served in the United States House of
3 Representatives and was a civil rights activist; and

4 WHEREAS, After a long career in public service, John Lewis
5 died of pancreatic cancer on July 17, 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, John Lewis participated in the Nashville sit-ins
7 during the 1960s and was a part of the Nashville Student
8 Movement organization during the civil rights movement; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1961, John Lewis became one of the 13 original
10 Freedom Riders; and

11 WHEREAS, John Lewis served as chairman of the Student
12 Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, John Lewis served as one of the leaders of the
14 March on Washington, which gathered approximately 250,000
15 people to advocate for the civil and economic rights of
16 African Americans and was also the location where Dr. Martin
17 Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare February
3 21, 2024 as John Lewis Day in the State of Illinois to remind
4 us of the accomplishments of this civil rights icon and to
5 honor his legacy and dedication to public service.