

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, For more than two centuries, the American flag
3 has been a banner of hope for generation after generation of
4 Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, The flag is the symbol of a country that has
6 grown from 13 colonies to a united nation of 50 sovereign
7 states; and

8 WHEREAS, The first flag of the United States was
9 authorized by Congressional Resolution on June 14, 1877, and
10 in 1949, the United States Congress officially designated
11 June 14th of each year as National Flag Day, to be observed
12 by the display of the flag and appropriate ceremonies; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was first
14 used in 1892, was made official by the United States Congress
15 in 1945, and through the years has been recited to reaffirm
16 our love and loyalty to our flag and country and to the
17 ideals that have made America a great nation; and

18 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Illinois
19 recognizes and appreciates the symbolism represented when our
20 flag is proudly displayed and celebrated; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
23 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we hereby declare that the 30
24 days from June 14 to July 14, inclusive, shall be observed
25 annually as American Flag Month in the State of Illinois; and
26 be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 presented to the Governor of the State of Illinois.