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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, According to its website, the Abraham Lincoln  
3           Presidential Library Foundation (the "Foundation") was  
4           incorporated in 2000 as a not-for-profit organization to  
5           "assist with private sector fundraising initiatives during the  
6           planning, construction and implementation phases related to  
7           the establishment of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library  
8           and Museum in Springfield, Illinois"; and

9           WHEREAS, The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and  
10          Museum Act (20 ILCS 3475/15) provides that the Abraham Lincoln  
11          Presidential Library and Museum (the "Agency") and the  
12          Foundation shall "mutually co-operate to maximize resources  
13          available to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and  
14          Museum and to support, sustain, and provide educational  
15          programs and collections at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential  
16          Library and Museum"; and

17          WHEREAS, The Act (20 ILCS 3475/15) further provides that  
18          "[a]ny membership fees collected by the Abraham Lincoln  
19          Presidential Library Foundation may be used to support the  
20          Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum programs or  
21          collections at the Foundation's discretion"; and

22          WHEREAS, The Act (20 ILCS 3475/20) also provides that to

1 facilitate communication and cooperation between the Agency  
2 and the Foundation, "the Foundation CEO shall serve as a  
3 non-voting, ex officio member of the Board" of the Agency; and

4 WHEREAS, The Amended and Restated Memorandum of  
5 Understanding of the Cooperative Agreement by and Between the  
6 Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (as predecessor to the  
7 Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum) and the  
8 Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation outlines the  
9 general responsibilities of each party; and

10 WHEREAS, Under the agreement, the Agency authorizes the  
11 Foundation to operate a store and restaurant, to select and  
12 price merchandise for the store, and to use net income from  
13 operating the store and restaurant for a variety of purposes,  
14 one of which is to support the Abraham Lincoln Presidential  
15 Library and Museum; and

16 WHEREAS, The agreement requires the Foundation to provide  
17 the Agency with monthly reports that contain information  
18 related to the income and expenses of the store and restaurant  
19 within 30 days of the close of each month and to provide its  
20 annual audited financial statements within 14 days of receipt  
21 from the Foundation's auditors; and

22 WHEREAS, The agreement authorizes the Agency to inspect the

1 Foundation's books and records, but the Agency is not allowed  
2 to make copies of those books and records and is required to  
3 make efforts to keep certain information on a confidential and  
4 need-to-know only basis; and

5 WHEREAS, The Agreement expires on January 31, 2019 and may  
6 be renewed every two years with mutual agreement of the  
7 parties; and

8 WHEREAS, According to published reports, the Foundation  
9 has outstanding loans and is seeking State support for payment  
10 of its debt; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is  
13 directed to conduct a management audit of the relationship  
14 between the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum  
15 (the "Agency") and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library  
16 Foundation (the "Foundation"); and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to,  
18 the following determinations: (1) The type and amount of direct  
19 and indirect support provided by the Agency to the Foundation,  
20 (2) The type and amount of direct and indirect support provided  
21 by the Foundation to the Agency, (3) The revenues and  
22 expenditures related to the Foundation's operation of the store

1 and restaurant, (4) The extent to which the Agency has  
2 monitored its agreement with the Foundation and whether  
3 required reports are being submitted in a timely manner, (5)  
4 Any other actions taken by the Agency to oversee the Foundation  
5 to ensure that the purpose of the relationship is being  
6 fulfilled to the fullest extent possible, and (6) Whether the  
7 Foundation has received any other State moneys from any other  
8 State agency and, if so, the amount and purpose of those funds;  
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the audit shall include the past three  
11 completed fiscal years of the Agency's and Foundation's  
12 operations; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That where necessary, the term "agency" shall  
14 include predecessor agencies and the term "support" shall  
15 include, but not be limited to, grants, contracts, leases,  
16 concessions, and admission and event fees; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Agency and any other entity that may  
18 have relevant information pertaining to this audit cooperate  
19 fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office in the  
20 conduct of this audit; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as  
22 soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations

1 upon completion to the Legislative Audit Commission, the  
2 Governor, and all members of the General Assembly.