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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislatures
3 (NCSL) maintains that the federal government should respect
4 state decisions to regulate cannabis, including hemp in
5 non-FDA approved cannabis products; and

6 WHEREAS, NCSL believes states and localities should be
7 able to set whatever policies work best to improve the public
8 safety, health, and economic development of their communities;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Federal laws, including the Controlled Substances
11 Act, should be amended to remove cannabis and cannabis
12 derivatives from the Controlled Substance Schedules; and

13 WHEREAS, Federal laws should explicitly allow states to
14 set their own cannabis policies without federal interference;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In states that have authorized cannabis
17 production, distribution, and possession by establishing an
18 effective regulatory scheme, the federal government should
19 direct federal prosecutors to respect state cannabis laws when
20 exercising discretion around enforcement; and

1 WHEREAS, Until cannabis is federally de-scheduled, the
2 federal government should prioritize its enforcement actions
3 against criminal enterprises engaged in illicit cannabis
4 production and sale and not against citizens who are compliant
5 with state cannabis laws; and

6 WHEREAS, Under federal law, cannabis businesses in states
7 that have legalized the sale of cannabis are unable to use the
8 U.S. banking system, forcing them to operate as primarily
9 cash-only entities; and

10 WHEREAS, This reliance on cash makes cannabis businesses
11 prime targets for theft, burglary, armed robbery, and other
12 property crimes; and

13 WHEREAS, If Congress were to pass legislation allowing
14 financial institutions to provide banking services to
15 legitimate state-authorized, cannabis-related businesses, the
16 risk of crime at these businesses would substantially
17 decrease; and

18 WHEREAS, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering,
19 and Medicine identified challenges and barriers in conducting
20 cannabis research in a 2017 report titled "The Health Effects
21 of Cannabis and Cannabinoids"; and

1 WHEREAS, It is especially important that Congress and the
2 federal government provide researchers access to cannabis in
3 the quantity, quality, and type necessary to research the
4 health effects of cannabis use and that adequate funding
5 sources are made available to support cannabis and cannabinoid
6 research that explores the health benefits and risks of
7 cannabis use; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we urge Congress to adopt cannabis banking reform; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to remove cannabis from
13 the Controlled Substance Schedules; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to reduce barriers to
15 medical research on cannabis and cannabinoids; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies be delivered to the U.S.
18 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
19 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House Minority Leader, and
20 all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.