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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the
3 members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to
4 congratulate the staff and administration of Chicago State
5 University for the establishment and ribbon-cutting of the
6 Global Institute of Sustainable Development and for the
7 inauguration of the Institute's Africa Center, microfinance
8 initiative, and Global Africa Partnership Forum; and

9 WHEREAS, The Global Institute of Sustainable Development
10 was established as an ambitious problem-solving innovation to
11 further the university's global citizenship mission, with
12 particular interest in utilizing sustainability principles to
13 stimulate university/community partnerships for cross-cultural
14 exchange; the Institute also utilizes faculty/student
15 interaction outside the classroom in order to promote community
16 engagement in research and service learning in the age of
17 globalization; and

18 WHEREAS, In an intellectually-charged and research-driven
19 setting, the Global Institute of Sustainable Development
20 challenges students to achieve academic excellence and
21 innovation, promotes international cooperation for sustainable
22 development of humans and environments through global social
23 justice, leadership, and entrepreneurship, and strives to

1 produce informed and effective global citizens; and

2 WHEREAS, The Global Institute of Sustainable Development
3 has established the Africa Center to enhance
4 geographically-targeted and thematic research in Africa,
5 stimulate professional development, highlight the contribution
6 of Africans and the African diaspora to global development,
7 inspire mutually beneficial cross-cultural exchange, and
8 promote service learning; and

9 WHEREAS, The Microfinance Center, an initiative of the
10 Global Institute of Sustainable Development supported by PNC
11 Bank, aims to stimulate leadership skills, financial
12 education, and entrepreneurship in a practical learning
13 approach that breaks generational dependency while also
14 alleviating poverty among Chicago State University students
15 and surrounding communities; the program seeks to empower
16 future leaders to take control of their economic conditions by
17 starting actions that would reshape and transform their
18 financial future and break the cycle of poverty for future
19 generations; by building a solid financial future, prospective
20 student entrepreneurs build self-confidence and become
21 responsible economic citizens that change adversarial history
22 to chart a successful course for their communities and the
23 global society at large; and

1 WHEREAS, The timely inauguration of the "Global Africa
2 Partnership Forum", with the theme "Building Global
3 Partnership for African Leadership and Sustainable
4 Development", represents a step in the right direction to
5 further discussions to enhance capacity-building for United
6 States-Africa partnerships; the forum seeks to address
7 pertinent issues of how to leverage international resources for
8 leadership and development in Africa and engages the
9 University's internal and external stakeholders, including,
10 but not limited to, faculty, students, entrepreneurs,
11 corporations, faith-based and community organizations,
12 policymakers, researchers, public intellectuals, and the
13 general citizenry in a dynamic discourse and debate about the
14 broad issues surrounding the role of university-community
15 partnerships and the wider African diaspora can play in
16 building strong leadership and sustainable development for
17 Africa; the forum goes beyond talk to match resources to
18 identified needs and expose African resources to potential
19 foreign investors; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate the staff and administration of Chicago State
23 University for the establishment and ribbon-cutting of the
24 Global Institute of Sustainable Development and for the
25 inauguration of the Institute's Africa Center, microfinance

1 initiative, and Global Africa Partnership Forum and wish them
2 continued success in the future; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the Global Institute of Sustainable Development as
5 a symbol of our esteem and respect.