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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Canada is the United States' largest trading
3 partner and the State of Illinois' leading international trade
4 partner, supporting thousands of jobs and billions of dollars
5 in economic activity across the State; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois and Canada share deep and long-standing
7 economic, cultural, educational, and diplomatic ties,
8 including cooperation in manufacturing, agriculture, energy,
9 transportation, higher education, and tourism; and

10 WHEREAS, Canadian businesses employ tens of thousands of
11 Illinois residents, and Illinois-based companies maintain
12 significant investments and operations throughout Canada; and

13 WHEREAS, Continued engagement and collaboration with
14 Canadian federal, provincial, and local partners strengthens
15 Illinois' economy, advances shared policy goals, and promotes
16 mutual understanding and cooperation; and

17 WHEREAS, The creation of a legislative caucus dedicated to
18 fostering and enhancing relations between Illinois and Canada,
19 with membership open to all interested members of the Illinois
20 General Assembly and chaired by Rep. Joyce Mason, with
21 Republican and Senate co-chairs to be determined, provides a

1 forum for dialogue, education, and unity among its members;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate the Canadian Friendship Caucus on its
6 formation to promote and strengthen economic, cultural,
7 educational, and governmental relationships between the State
8 of Illinois and Canada, to facilitate the exchange of
9 information on matters of mutual interest, and to support
10 policies and initiatives that enhance cross-border
11 cooperation.