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SENATE RESOLUTION

2        WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has demonstrated a  
3        sustained commitment toward ensuring the realization of human  
4        rights for all, including rights for women, children,  
5        immigrants, and the homeless; and

6        WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has high aspirations and  
7        standards for its children and families and is constantly  
8        seeking ways to improve their lives and to ensure an  
9        environment that protects children's health; and

10       WHEREAS, The Convention on the Rights of the Child (the  
11       Convention) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly  
12       on November 20, 1989 and became effective as an international  
13       treaty on September 2, 1990; and

14       WHEREAS, The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the  
15       only international human rights treaty aimed at protecting  
16       children from discrimination, neglect, and abuse by  
17       establishing a full range of civil, political, economic,  
18       social, and cultural rights; and

19       WHEREAS, Although the United States had considerable  
20       influence in drafting the Convention and subsequently signed  
21       it on February 16, 1995, the Convention has never been

1 presented to the U.S. Senate for advice and consent, which is  
2 the necessary and final step to U.S. ratification; and

3 WHEREAS, Without U.S. Senate approval, the Convention has  
4 no effect on children living in the United States, thereby  
5 leaving them without the protections contained within this  
6 important treaty; and

7 WHEREAS, The adoption of the Convention on the Rights of  
8 the Child would enhance the State of Illinois' stature as a  
9 leader in promoting the well-being of children; and

10 WHEREAS, The adoption of the Convention on the Rights of  
11 the Child by the General Assembly would be consistent with  
12 Illinois' past support of securing fundamental rights for the  
13 most vulnerable; and

14 WHEREAS, The adoption of the Convention on the Rights of  
15 the Child would affirm Illinois' commitment to protect  
16 children and promote their rights; and

17 WHEREAS, The Convention would provide a single,  
18 comprehensive framework within which the diverse arms of the  
19 Illinois State government can assess and address, in a  
20 consistent manner, the rights and protections of our children;  
21 therefore, be it

1       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we affirm our support  
3 for the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That we urge State agencies and the Illinois  
6 General Assembly to advance policies and practices that align  
7 with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the  
8 Child; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That we urge President Trump to submit the U.N.  
10 Convention on the Rights of the Child to the U.S. Senate for  
11 its advice and consent without delay, and we further call on  
12 the U.S. Senate to move swiftly to approve the Convention.