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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama concluded his second and
3 final term as President of the United States of America on
4 January 20, 2017, and has announced plans to build a
5 presidential library and museum in Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, A recent legislative initiative proposes to
7 allocate \$100 million from Illinois capital spending funds for
8 the construction of President Obama's Presidential Library and
9 Museum; and

10 WHEREAS, This proposal comes at a time when the State's
11 budget condition continues to worsen and economic growth
12 continues to lag behind national recovery trends; and

13 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a \$15 billion backlog of
14 unpaid bills; over the last five years, the State has been
15 unable to adequately fund budget priorities, such as education,
16 human services, and public safety programs and services; and

17 WHEREAS, The last two Presidents of the United States have
18 used private donations to build their libraries; and

19 WHEREAS, No presidential libraries overseen by the
20 National Archives and Records Administration have received

1 direct funding from either the federal government or their
2 respective states; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 state the belief that, despite our utmost respect for the
6 office of the President of the United States of America and the
7 historical and academic importance of presidential libraries,
8 the State of Illinois cannot afford to spend \$100 million from
9 taxpayer funds on this project; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 delivered to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the
12 President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, and the
13 Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of
14 Representatives.