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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois System is an economic
3 engine that drives progress for Illinois and the nation,
4 having a \$17.5 billion impact on the economy, awarding more
5 than 23,000 degrees annually to support the workforce of
6 tomorrow, and fostering economy-building innovation through a
7 nearly \$1 billion research portfolio; and

8 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois System seeks to
9 influence policy decisions to benefit the entire State; and

10 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that each dollar invested into
11 the University of Illinois System flows back into the State's
12 economy at a rate of one to four; and

13 WHEREAS, Through a close working partnership with the
14 General Assembly, both the University of Illinois System and
15 the State of Illinois can capitalize on this investment for
16 the good of all our constituents; and

17 WHEREAS, There is a significant need to introduce and
18 evaluate legislation and policies that will affect the
19 University of Illinois System and all of higher education;
20 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we express our support for the
4 establishment of a joint legislative caucus to be formally
5 known as the University of Illinois Legislative Caucus; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That the University of Illinois Legislative
8 Caucus will act as a forum for legislators and affiliate
9 members to learn about important issues regarding higher
10 education and to evaluate legislative issues that come before
11 respective legislative chambers; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the members and the affiliate members of
13 the University of Illinois Legislative Caucus will send a
14 strong message about the importance of higher education and
15 the issues that affect it and will work towards finding
16 solutions to unmet needs; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we request recognition within the Illinois
18 General Assembly as the caucus for issues that affect and
19 relate to the University of Illinois System.