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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the custom of the Illinois State Capitol
3 and its grounds to include many installations to reflect the
4 groups, the women, and the men who have at various times been
5 seen as memorable in the history of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Many of these Illinois State Capitol
7 installations are official portraits of individuals who have
8 served as Speakers of the Illinois House of Representatives,
9 an office designated by the Constitution of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The most recent ex-Speaker of the Illinois House
11 of Representatives, Michael J. Madigan, served as Speaker from
12 January 1983 until January 1995 and, again, from January 1997
13 until January 2021; and

14 WHEREAS, In the ordinary course of events, a portrait of
15 former Speaker Madigan would be painted or photographed and
16 hung in the Illinois State Capitol; and

17 WHEREAS, It is also the statutory policy of the State of
18 Illinois that a series of Illinois State Capitol portraits may
19 be interrupted when there is good and sufficient reason to do
20 so; in subsection (b) of Section 212 of the State Designations
21 Act (5 ILCS 460/212(b)), an interruption of this type has been

1 inserted by statute into the series of the portraits of the
2 Governors of Illinois that hang in the south wing of the second
3 floor of the Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, At the time of the introduction of this Illinois
5 House Resolution, former Speaker Madigan is preparing his
6 defense against a series of federal criminal charges contained
7 in a lengthy indictment brought by the United States Attorney
8 for the United States District Court for the Northern District
9 of Illinois; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we request that no official portrait of former Speaker Michael
13 J. Madigan be hung in the Illinois State Capitol, or in the
14 Illinois Capitol Complex, until such time as Mr. Madigan is
15 acquitted of all of the charges lodged against him in the U.S.
16 Northern District of Illinois, or until such time as all of the
17 aforementioned charges are dropped; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
19 Alexi Giannoulias, the Illinois Secretary of State and
20 custodian of the Illinois Capitol Complex.