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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the Chicago State  
4 University (CSU) Foundation on the occasion of its 12th Annual  
5 Friends of CSU Awards Dinner; and

6           WHEREAS, The CSU Foundation is a private nonprofit  
7 corporation with assets of nearly \$3 million and an endowment  
8 nearing \$2 million; it was chartered in 1967 and incorporated  
9 in December of 1968 as an independent, charitable, organization  
10 to secure, hold, and administer funds and properties given by  
11 individuals, corporations, and philanthropic foundations in  
12 support of Chicago State University and its affiliated  
13 organizations; such gifts provide needed funds for  
14 scholarships, fellowships, faculty development, academic  
15 programs and research, modern equipment and more, initiatives  
16 for which state general operating funds are often not  
17 available; and

18           WHEREAS, The Foundation seeks private support for purposes  
19 particularly central to the teaching, research, and service  
20 mission of the university; with state funds accounting for less  
21 than 50 percent of the actual cost of a CSU education, funds  
22 raised by the Foundation are the margin of excellence in  
23 providing undergraduate and graduate instruction and basic and  
24 applied research and program outreach and support that benefits  
25 students, faculty, and the greater world community; and

26           WHEREAS, Chicago State University is Illinois' oldest and  
27 most successful higher education institution assisting  
28 minorities; originally named Cook County Normal School, CSU was  
29 founded in Blue Island in 1867; the Chicago Board of Education  
30 purchased the school in 1897 and renamed it Chicago Normal  
31 School; in 1913, it became Chicago Normal College, and in 1938,  
32 it was renamed Chicago Teachers College; the college was

1 acquired in 1965 by the State of Illinois, and reflecting a  
2 broadening of the college's curriculum and an evolution towards  
3 becoming a liberal arts institution, the school was renamed  
4 Chicago State College in 1965 and then Chicago State University  
5 in 1971; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we recognize the Chicago State University (CSU) Foundation on  
9 the occasion of its 12th Annual Friends of CSU Awards Dinner;  
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the CSU Foundation as an expression of our esteem.