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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a rich history of
3 political debate; and

4 WHEREAS, The Lincoln-Douglas debates set high standards
5 for political debate; and

6 WHEREAS, The Library and Museum present a unique forum for
7 events and lectures about Abraham Lincoln and political history
8 in general; and

9 WHEREAS, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum
10 in Simi Valley, California hosted a debate on May 3, 2007 that
11 featured the Republican candidates for President of the United
12 States; and

13 WHEREAS, The debate at the Reagan Library, which aired on
14 MSNBC and MSNBC.com, promoted the venue to the almost 1,800,000
15 viewers who watched the debate; and

16 WHEREAS, The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and
17 Museum, the City of Springfield and central Illinois would
18 benefit from similar media exposure generated by hosting a
19 debate between political candidates; and

1 WHEREAS, Current policies adopted by the Illinois Historic
2 Preservation Agency prohibit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential
3 Library and Museum from hosting political events; therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 urge the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to amend its
8 policies regarding political events to allow debates between
9 candidates for political office; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 delivered to the Chair of the Illinois Historic Preservation
12 Agency.