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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama will conclude his second
3 and final term as President of the United States of America on
4 January 20, 2017 and will thereafter endeavor to build a
5 Presidential Library and Museum; and

6 WHEREAS, It has been widely reported that the Barack Obama
7 Foundation will choose between potential sites for the
8 Presidential Library and Museum in Illinois, Hawaii, and New
9 York; and

10 WHEREAS, A recent legislative initiative proposes to
11 allocate \$100 million from Illinois capital spending funds for
12 the construction of President Obama's Presidential Library and
13 Museum; and

14 WHEREAS, This proposal comes at a time when the State's
15 budget condition continues to worsen, despite a record 67% tax
16 increase in 2011 and economic growth that continues to lag
17 behind national recovery trends; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a \$5 billion backlog of
19 unpaid bills; over the last 5 years, the State has been unable
20 to adequately fund budget priorities, such as education, human
21 services, and public safety programs and services; and

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

3 WHEREAS, No Presidential Libraries overseen by the
4 National Archives and Records Administration have received
5 direct funding from either the Federal government or their
6 respective states; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we state the belief that, despite our utmost respect for the
10 office of the President of the United States of America and the
11 historical and academic importance of Presidential Libraries,
12 the State of Illinois cannot afford to spend \$100 million from
13 taxpayer funds on this project; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we show our support for the efforts by many
15 to locate a Presidential Library and Museum to the State of
16 Illinois without the use of taxpayer funding; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 delivered to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the
19 President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, and the
20 Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of
21 Representatives.