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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The House of Assembly of South Australia and the
3 House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are each
4 duly elected legislative bodies entrusted with representing
5 the voices, values, and aspirations of the people in their
6 respective jurisdictions; and

7 WHEREAS, Both Houses operate within vibrant democratic
8 systems where the rule of law, open debate, and representative
9 government ensure that power derives from the consent of the
10 governed; and

11 WHEREAS, The legislative process, through which elected
12 representatives deliberate, decide, and enact laws and
13 budgets, embodies the democratic ideal that governments exist
14 to serve the common good; and

15 WHEREAS, In an era when democratic norms are under threat
16 in many parts of the world, it is more vital than ever that
17 democratic institutions stand together in solidarity,
18 affirming the dignity and rights of all peoples to choose
19 their own leaders and shape their collective future; and

20 WHEREAS, Billions of people around the globe still live
21 under regimes that do not afford them the right to vote or to

1 elect legislative representatives, and they thus lack the
2 ability to peacefully and lawfully influence the decisions
3 that affect their lives; and

4 WHEREAS, The House of Assembly of South Australia and the
5 House of Representatives of the State of Illinois believe in
6 the enduring promise of democracy and the universal right of
7 all peoples to be represented through accountable, transparent
8 legislative institutions; and

9 WHEREAS, The establishment of a formal friendship between
10 our two Houses will promote mutual understanding, legislative
11 exchange, shared learning, and cultural ties that can help
12 strengthen our democracies and inspire others around the world
13 to build their own; and

14 WHEREAS, This relationship between our two Houses not only
15 affirms our shared democratic values but also opens the door
16 to deeper collaboration across a range of policy areas,
17 including, but not limited to, economic development, trade,
18 tourism, renewable energy, public health, education,
19 Indigenous engagement, and cultural exchange; and

20 WHEREAS, Through sustained dialogue, reciprocal visits,
21 and mutual learning, we envision new partnerships in fields
22 such as agriculture, technology, climate resilience, youth

1 leadership, emergency preparedness, and arts and culture,
2 proving that legislative cooperation can be a springboard for
3 broader innovation and international goodwill; therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we recognize and celebrate the establishment of a legislative
8 friendship with the House of Assembly of South Australia; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we commit to ongoing collaboration, mutual
11 support, and shared advocacy for the cause of representative
12 government as a fundamental human right; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we express our hope that this relationship
14 serves as a model for other legislative bodies around the
15 world to form bonds rooted in democracy, peace, and mutual
16 respect; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Speaker of the House of Assembly of South
19 Australia as a symbol of our shared commitment to democracy
20 and enduring partnership.