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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On March 26, 2010, Marion's Sister City program 2 3 was established with the signing of an agreement between Marion 4 Mayor Robert L. Butler and Mayor Junichi Yokoe of Kanie, Aichi, 5 Japan; and 6 WHEREAS, Representatives from Kanie, including 7 officials and students, visited Marion in 2010, 2012, and 2013; 8 in 2010, Marion sent adult representatives to Kanie; and 9 WHEREAS, Representatives from Kanie will again visit 10 Marion from March 25 to 29, 2017; and 11 WHEREAS, In July 2017, a contingent of students and adults 12 representing the City of Marion will travel to Kanie to spend a 13 week experiencing the Japanese way of life; and 14 WHEREAS, The sister city program encourages understanding of cultures, enhances the esteem that citizens 15 have for one another, and promotes cooperation in many 16 17 different fields; therefore, be it 18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

recognize the sister city relationship between the cities of

- 1 Marion and Kanie, Aichi, Japan, and their continuing efforts to
- 2 maintain a successful relationship; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 4 presented to Marion Mayor Robert L. Butler and the
- 5 representatives from Kanie upon their upcoming visit.