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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Over the last three years, the people of Venezuela have taken to the streets in peaceful protests to speak out against the atrocities of the government which has resulted in a devastating food and medicine shortage, political prisoners, human rights violations, increased violence, and the largest street demonstration in Venezuelan history; and

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WHEREAS, The Venezuelan Supreme Court, in conjunction with President Nicolas Maduro, has wrongfully sought to hinder the progress of the Legislative Branch of the Venezuelan government; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois is home to many Venezuelan immigrants and descendants and recognizes the political strife facing Venezuelans in their home country; and

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WHEREAS, We recognize and defend the constitutional rights of Venezuelan people under the Venezuelan Constitution, which are currently being violated; and

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WHEREAS, As of now, dozens of people have lost their lives due to the Venezuelan government's violent response to peaceful protests and the aggressive involvement of military forces; and

1           WHEREAS, It has been found that numerous protestors are  
2 students and that their human rights have been trampled, which  
3 is a great cause of concern; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 recognize the people of Venezuela and their entitlement to fair  
7 elections, release of political prisoners, freedom of speech  
8 and assembly, and amends due for all human rights violations  
9 against them.