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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives welcome and encourage Amazon to consider
4 locating their second headquarters (HQ2) in Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, On September 17, 2017, Amazon announced plans to
6 open a second company headquarters in North America known as
7 HQ2; and

8 WHEREAS, Amazon requested proposals from state and local
9 governments for HQ2 and has received 238 proposals from state
10 and local governments from throughout the United States,
11 including multiple bids from Illinois and bi-state regions; and

12 WHEREAS, If Illinois is successful in bringing HQ2 to the
13 State, we have an opportunity to gain up to 50,000 new fulltime
14 jobs with average salaries and benefit packages exceeding
15 \$100,000 over the next 10 to 15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Amazon HQ2 is anticipated to generate tens of
17 billions of dollars in additional investment in the community
18 surrounding HQ2; and

19 WHEREAS, Amazon's ideal site and building requirements for
20 HQ2 include being 30 miles from a population center, within 45

1 minutes of an international airport, 1-2 miles from major
2 highways and roads, access to on-site mass transit (i.e. direct
3 access to rail, train, subway/metro bus routes), 500,000 square
4 feet of building space for Phase 1 in 2019, and up to 8,000,000
5 square feet beyond 2027; and

6 WHEREAS, We are confident Illinois can meet Amazon's ideal
7 site and building requirements due to the fact that Illinois is
8 the fifth largest state in the country, is home to 107 public
9 and private airports, maintains 18,154 total interstate and
10 state highway miles, operates 63 public transit systems, has
11 9,982 miles of railroad tracks with nearly 1,100 miles of
12 navigable waterways, and encompasses 55,519 square miles of
13 land; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 believe Illinois can meet the needs of Amazon's second
17 headquarters in North America and look forward to offering a
18 warm welcome if they so choose Illinois as home for HQ2; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Amazon as a symbol of our admiration and respect
22 for one of the most innovative companies in the world.