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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend the partnership between
4 Illinois State University and Vladimir State University and its
5 President, Rector Saralidze; and

6 WHEREAS, Founded in 1958, Vladimir State University (VSU)
7 is a large scientific-educational institution in the center of
8 Russia with more than 20,000 students, including 1,000 foreign
9 citizens; since 1968, the University has been training
10 specialists for foreign countries, and graduates work in 46
11 countries; the University recently won a competition organized
12 by the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia and has been
13 granted the status of the Flagship University of the Vladimir
14 Region; only 33 universities in Russia have such status; and

15 WHEREAS, Illinois State University's first student-led
16 trip to Vladimir State University was in 2015; ISU has taken
17 students each May since then; a total of 34 students from the
18 School of Kinesiology and Recreation have participated in this
19 experience; students have also traveled to Vladimir State
20 University with the College of Education; and

21 WHEREAS, Illinois State University partners with Vladimir
22 State University's Institute of Physical Culture and Sport,

1 which provides education in majors very similar to Illinois
2 State's School of Kinesiology and Recreation; and

3 WHEREAS, Illinois State University's relationship with
4 Vladimir State University is a direct result of activities
5 supported and hosted by the Vladimir-Canterbury Sister Cities
6 Association (VCSCA); their partnership has been awarded
7 multiple Open World grants on various topics, including one on
8 special education topics, hosted by Illinois State, that led to
9 involvement from the University's College of Education, as well
10 as one on agriculture, which led to involvement from the
11 University's Department of Agriculture; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois State University will host an Open World
13 exchange that will allow for a few faculty from Vladimir State
14 to visit and discuss educational best practices; therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we commend the partnership between Illinois State University
19 and Vladimir State University and wish them many successful
20 years; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 presented to Illinois State University and Vladimir State

1 University President Rector Saralidze as an expression of our
2 esteem and respect.