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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Governors State University was established on July 17, 1969 by Governor Richard B. Ogilvie as a bold, new model for transforming lives through education in Chicago's South Suburbs; and

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WHEREAS, Governors State University was initially known as the "university without walls" to reflect its unlimited potential and to commemorate opening the same week the United States sent Apollo 11 to the moon; and

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WHEREAS, Over two decades, Governors State University transformed itself into a university with classrooms, structured programs, and letter grades while staying true to its version of serving nontraditional students; and

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WHEREAS, Governors State University has since created a national model for serving adults and returning adults whose contributions as graduates and working professionals stimulate local, regional, and global communities; and

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WHEREAS, Between 2011 and 2014, Governors State University reinvented itself once again with the creation of an award-winning, structured, four-year undergraduate program, the admittance of freshmen, the development of the Dual Degree

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1 Program (DDP), a nationally-recognized partnership with 17
2 Chicagoland community colleges, the building of the
3 University's first living-learning community, Prairie Place,
4 and the addition of NAIA intercollegiate athletics; and

5 WHEREAS, As the only public university in the area south of
6 Chicago, Governors State University is an educational and
7 cultural destination and serves nearly 5,000 undergraduate and
8 graduate students who reflect the nation's new student
9 majority, first-generation students, students of color,
10 adults, and military veterans; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we declare July 17, 2019 as Governors State University Day in
14 the State of Illinois and commend the University on 50 years of
15 leadership, innovation, education, and excellence in the
16 Chicagoland region, the nation, and the world; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Governors State University as an expression of our
20 esteem and respect.