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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The boards of trustees of the University of
3 Illinois and The John Marshall Law School have voted to approve
4 the acquisition of The John Marshall Law School by the
5 University of Illinois at Chicago, and the first entering class
6 of the new UIC John Marshall Law School is expected to
7 matriculate in fall 2019; and

8 WHEREAS, The UIC John Marshall Law School will be the only
9 public law school located in Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois at Chicago is the
11 city's only public research university, is one of the most
12 diverse research universities in the country, and is an
13 integral part of Chicago's educational, technological, and
14 cultural fabric; and

15 WHEREAS, The John Marshall Law School, founded in 1899, has
16 been a pioneer in legal education with top-ranked programs in
17 lawyering skills, trial advocacy, and intellectual property;
18 it is one of the most diverse law schools in the country and
19 has a long history of giving back to the community by providing
20 pro bono legal services; and

21 WHEREAS, Both the University of Illinois at Chicago and The

1 John Marshall Law School have track records of excellence in
2 research and scholarship, access for underserved students, and
3 service to Chicago and its people; and

4 WHEREAS, The acquisition will create opportunities for
5 interdisciplinary courses and new joint and dual-degree
6 programs aligned with UIC strengths in multiple disciplines,
7 such as the health sciences, engineering and technology, urban
8 planning and public administration, social sciences, and
9 business; and

10 WHEREAS, University of Illinois at Chicago students will
11 benefit from expanded research and program offerings, such as
12 access to law courses and opportunities to take classes jointly
13 taught by law school and other UIC faculty; and

14 WHEREAS, The acquisition will provide current and
15 prospective Illinois law students with a more affordable legal
16 education and enhanced student services, including access to
17 health care services, recreational facilities, residence
18 halls, and college athletics; and

19 WHEREAS, The establishment of the UIC John Marshall Law
20 School complements other university efforts to advance
21 innovation and opportunity in higher education, such as the
22 recent openings of UIC's Engineering Innovation Building and

1 Academic and Residential Complex to address UIC's continued
2 growth and record enrollment gains; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we support the establishment of Chicago's public law school,
6 the UIC John Marshall Law School; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the UIC John Marshall Law School.