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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On February 27, 1861, in an attempt to avert the secession of Southern states, United States Representative Thomas Corwin of Ohio proposed an amendment to the United States Constitution that would prohibit the United States Constitution from being amended in a manner that authorizes Congress to abolish or interfere with the states' domestic institutions, including slavery; and

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WHEREAS, On March 2, 1861, the Corwin Amendment was approved by a joint resolution of the United States Congress (12 Stat. 251) and was submitted to the states for ratification; and

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WHEREAS, The Twenty-Third General Assembly ratified the Corwin Amendment in "An Act ratifying a certain amendment to the Constitution of the United States", in force June 2, 1863 (Public Laws 1863, p. 41); and

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WHEREAS, The Corwin Amendment was not ratified by three-fourths of the states and, therefore, is not part of the United States Constitution; and

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WHEREAS, With the end of the Civil War and the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, the

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1 purposes of the Corwin Amendment have become moot; therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, That the State of Illinois rescinds its
6 ratification of the following proposition, known as the Corwin
7 Amendment to the United States Constitution:

8 "ARTICLE XIII.

9 No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will
10 authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or
11 interfere, within any State, with the domestic institutions
12 thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by
13 the laws of said State."; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be
15 forwarded to the Archivist of the United States, the President
16 of the United States, the President pro tempore of the United
17 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
18 Representatives, and each member of the Illinois congressional
19 delegation.