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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois is a culturally diverse state with an
3 equally diverse tourism and hospitality industry; and

4 WHEREAS, Illinois is a premiere location for business and
5 leisure travelers, offering fine dining, shopping,
6 recreational activities, business, and a wide array of
7 attractions; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois is a vibrant and robust destination for
9 local, national, and international visitors; and

10 WHEREAS, It is essential to support the tourism and
11 hospitality industry due to the vital part it plays in the
12 State's economy; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2021, 97.1 million visitors spent \$32.2
14 billion across Illinois' economy, spanning multiple
15 industries; and

16 WHEREAS, The \$32.2 billion in visitor spending means that
17 nearly \$88.3 million was spent every day by visitors in
18 Illinois in 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, Housing accommodations, food and beverage,

1 recreation, retail shopping, local transportation, and air
2 travel all flourish when the tourism and hospitality industry
3 of Illinois is thriving; and

4 WHEREAS, The number of jobs sustained by tourism (388,800)
5 supports 6.8% of all jobs in Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, While the pandemic created enormous challenges
7 for the tourism industry, the recovery has been strong; and

8 WHEREAS, The future of Illinois tourism is bright with no
9 limit to its growth; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the
13 formation of the Tourism and Hospitality Caucus to promote the
14 industry throughout the State; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we encourage support for Illinois' tourism
16 and hospitality industry.