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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and Ireland have long
3 enjoyed a mutually beneficial business and cultural
4 relationship, with the prospect of future growth; and

5 WHEREAS, International trade is critical for the economic
6 growth and prosperity of Illinois and Ireland, supporting
7 well-paying jobs, raising living standards, and helping
8 Illinoisans and residents of Ireland to provide for their
9 families; and

10 WHEREAS, Bilateral trade between Illinois and Ireland
11 exceeded \$4.8 million in 2023; and

12 WHEREAS, Ireland is Illinois' 7th largest foreign direct
13 investment market based on employment, with 63 subsidiaries at
14 239 distinct locations, employing over 20,000 Illinoisans; and

15 WHEREAS, Currently, 950 United States companies are based
16 in Ireland and benefit from the gateway to the European Union;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Ireland is the 9th largest investor in the United
19 States; and

1 WHEREAS, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs has
2 highlighted the encouraging growth of billions of dollars of
3 imports and exports between Illinois and Ireland in recent
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Since the founding of our State, people of Irish
6 heritage have made their homes in Illinois, with many becoming
7 leaders in business, government, education, and science; and

8 WHEREAS, The Irish people and culture are important parts
9 of the ethnic tradition of the United States and have played
10 significant roles in the history of our State and nation;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the
14 sister-state agreement through the Illinois Department of
15 Commerce and Economic Opportunity to promote additional
16 bilateral trade relations and cultural exchange between the
17 State of Illinois and Ireland; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to Governor JB Pritzker and the Oireachtas.