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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly wishes to present  
3 this resolution as a tribute to and acknowledgement of the  
4 contributions of Illinois residents of Sudanese descent to our  
5 State and our nation and to humanitarian efforts worldwide; and

6           WHEREAS, Illinois residents of Sudanese descent, including  
7 Chicago Bulls star forward Luol Deng who was born in Wau,  
8 Sudan, have done extraordinary work to speak out against war  
9 and genocide in their native land and to build a vibrant  
10 Sudanese community in our State; and

11           WHEREAS, Organizations, including the Sudanese Community  
12 Association of Illinois, the Chicago Association for the Lost  
13 Boys of Sudan, Sudanese Community Church, Darfur Association of  
14 Illinois, and the Chicago Coalition to Save Darfur have  
15 mobilized countless volunteers to oppose war and genocide in  
16 the Sudan, to support humanitarian efforts there, and to  
17 provide opportunities for Illinois residents of Sudanese  
18 descent to succeed in their new homes and become United States  
19 citizens; and

20           WHEREAS, There are large communities of Illinois residents  
21 of Sudanese descent in the Chicagoland area, particularly in  
22 DuPage County and the North side of Chicago, many of whom are

1 leaders in their communities; and

2 WHEREAS, Illinois is proud of the accomplishments of its  
3 Sudanese residents, many of whom have struggled against  
4 overwhelming odds and fled war and genocide to establish homes  
5 in Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois residents of Sudanese descent have  
7 specific needs related to culturally sensitive child care,  
8 English as a Second Language education, job-training, credit  
9 and consumer counseling, and women's empowerment; therefore,  
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois General Assembly  
14 supports the development of a Sudanese Community Center and  
15 recognizes the tremendous contributions of Illinois residents  
16 of Sudanese descent and the need to address the challenges they  
17 still face; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to leaders of Illinois' Sudanese community as an  
20 expression of our utmost respect and esteem.