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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the members of the
3 Illinois House of Representatives that Illinois State
4 University is celebrating its sesquicentennial year in 2007;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois State Normal University was founded by
7 Jesse W. Fell in 1857 as the first public university in the
8 State of Illinois; it was first established as a teacher
9 education institution; Abraham Lincoln, then an attorney, drew
10 up the bond that guaranteed Bloomington citizens would fulfill
11 financial pledges to finance the University; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois State Normal University became Illinois
13 State University in 1964; and

14 WHEREAS, Illinois State University is led by President Al
15 Bowman; the school's 17th president, and its Board of Trustees;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois State University currently has over
18 20,000 students from 47 states and 86 countries; there are 800
19 faculty members and over 2,000 staff members; and

20 WHEREAS, Student athletes, with leadership from athletic

1 department coaches and staff members, excel in the classroom in
2 19 sports; and

3 WHEREAS, There are over 165,000 alumni of Illinois State
4 University living around the world; the University is ranked as
5 one of the 100 "best values" in public higher education by
6 Kiplinger Magazine; and

7 WHEREAS, The University will begin its celebration with
8 Founders Day on February 15, 2007; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 congratulate President Al Bowman, the Board of Trustees, the
12 faculty, staff, and students of Illinois State University on
13 the sesquicentennial anniversary of the institution; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Illinois State University President Al Bowman and
17 the Board of Trustees.