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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The South African delegation will be arriving in
3 Illinois on April 12, 2007, as the fourth leg of the
4 sister-state relationship with Northern Cape Province, South
5 Africa, and the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The delegation will consist of South African
7 Consul General Yusuf Omar, Dr. Dion Theys, the Director of the
8 Department of Public Health for Northern Cape Province, Ms.
9 Nomathembi Mazobiko, the Infectious Disease Director, and Ms.
10 Phillis Baitsiwe, the Tuberculosis coordinator; they will be in
11 Washington D.C. from April 8-12; they will arrive in Chicago on
12 the afternoon of April 12th; and on April 18, Consul General
13 Yusuf Omar will address the Illinois House of Representatives
14 in Springfield; and

15 WHEREAS, They depart for South Africa on April 20th; this
16 project is an extension of the BASUAH project launched by the
17 Governor in September, 2005; these exchanges have been very
18 beneficial, bringing great benefits to both partners; and

19 WHEREAS, The South African Delegation's visit to the State
20 of Illinois represents the fourth leg of an ongoing
21 sister-state process, with the Health Department from the
22 Northern Cape Province, South Africa and the State of Illinois

1 exchanging ideas, interventions, and strategies for addressing
2 HIV/AIDS in both environments; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has provided training and
4 technical assistance, while the Northern Cape has assisted the
5 State of Illinois in understanding how to improve their
6 relationships with businesses and manufacturers employing
7 large numbers of workers; and

8 WHEREAS, The exchange between the Province and the State of
9 Illinois has provided both partners the opportunity to share
10 cultural ideas, understand each others values, and work to
11 understand how these elements contribute to the spread of
12 HIV/AIDS; and

13 WHEREAS, We sincerely appreciate the work that has been
14 done over the last two years and especially appreciate the
15 spirit of cooperation between the two partners; therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 welcome the South African Delegation from Northern Cape
20 Province, South Africa to the State of Illinois; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the delegation from Northern Cape Province, South
3 Africa as a symbol of our respect.