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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 1977, the Marchegiana Society of Chicago
3 Heights chose to establish a Sister City affiliation with San
4 Benedetto del Tronto, Provincia della Marche, Italy, the city
5 and region from which many Chicago Heights families emigrated
6 to the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, The San Benedetto del Tronto, Marche, Italy -
8 Chicago Heights Sister City affiliation was created on June 19,
9 1977 by proclamation and by unanimous vote of both city
10 councils; the affiliation was celebrated at that time by
11 official visits of citizens and public officials to both Sister
12 Cities; and

13 WHEREAS, Since that time, exchanges of both a casual and
14 official nature have occurred, creating opportunities for
15 thousands of residents to visit and enjoy the culture and
16 traditions to be found in both locations; and

17 WHEREAS, Every year, many people from the City of Chicago
18 Heights return to visit and to renew the ties of family and
19 friendship that keep the cities bound as one people; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1984, Chicago Heights School District 170 and
21 the schools of San Benedetto del Tronto were mutually

1 instrumental in establishing a student exchange that has grown
2 and become a model of successful Sister City projects; and

3 WHEREAS, Each year, approximately two dozen high school age
4 students from Chicago Heights are hosted in the San Benedetto
5 region; in alternate years, a similar number of students from
6 San Benedetto are hosted by families in and around Chicago
7 Heights; and

8 WHEREAS, This exchange has prospered and grown to the
9 extent that over a thousand students have participated and
10 enjoyed the cultural, educational, and intellectual
11 stimulation engendered by foreign travel; for many, the
12 opportunity to create friendships that may last a lifetime, or
13 the opportunity to reestablish links with family that are
14 well-known or, as yet, unrecognized; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 urge the citizens of the State of Illinois to honor the San
18 Benedetto del Tronto, Marche, Italy - Chicago Heights Sister
19 City affiliation and express our continued admiration and
20 support for the affiliation; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Alex Lopez, Mayor of the City of Chicago Heights,

1 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.