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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Fethullah Gulen for
4 ongoing and inspirational contributions to the promotion of
5 global peace and understanding; and

6 WHEREAS, A Turkish scholar, author, poet, preacher, and
7 educational activist, Fethullah Gulen has inspired a worldwide
8 social movement that promotes humanistic values and service and
9 is known as the Hizmet Movement or the Gulen Movement; and

10 WHEREAS, Based on the principle that each human being is of
11 value, regardless of background, faith, or culture, the Gulen
12 Movement offers a multifaceted approach to seeking world peace;
13 it places a strong emphasis on intercultural understanding and
14 the embracing of differences; it values compassionate acts of
15 care and concern; and it promotes the importance of education
16 in laying the groundwork for fostering better relationship
17 between diverse populations; and

18 WHEREAS, The Gulen Movement emphasizes the core concept
19 that peace is a function of tolerance and dialogue; it offers
20 "Living to let others live" as the foundation of a life of
21 altruistic service and calls on the younger generation to
22 combine intellectual enlightenment with spirituality to make

1 the world a better place; and

2 WHEREAS, The strength of the universal values promoted by
3 the movement has led to the creation of the Niagara Foundation
4 in Chicago, which promotes academic research as well as
5 grassroots activity as a means to bring about positive social
6 change and dialogue; Fethullah Gulen and the movement for
7 social justice he inspired are truly deserving of recognition
8 for their impact on our global society; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we commend Fethullah Gulen for his dedication to working
12 towards a better world through education, service, tolerance,
13 and the free exchange of ideas and extend to him best wished
14 for continued success in all his endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Fethullah Gulen as a symbol of our respect and
17 esteem.