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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Hemp has been used for thousands of years by
3 humans for everything from clothing fibers to food to fuel;
4 hemp has tens of thousands of uses and can be seen in everyday
5 life in the United States; hemp is currently imported from more
6 than 20 countries; and

7 WHEREAS, Industrial hemp is defined as a specific variety
8 of the plant Cannabis sativa L. that contains 0.3% or less of
9 delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the chemical that gives
10 marijuana, which generally contains 5-20% THC, its
11 psychoactive properties; and

12 WHEREAS, Industrial hemp offers enough
13 scientifically-verifiable differences with marijuana,
14 including a number of recognizable cultivars that can be placed
15 on a list of approved varieties of industrial hemp, that it
16 merits a sensible policy to allow for its cultivation; and

17 WHEREAS, Hemp was placed on the list of Schedule I
18 controlled substances with the passage of the federal
19 Controlled Substances Act of 1970; Schedule I substances are
20 generally defined as having a high potential for abuse and no
21 medical value, claims that most reasonable people would not
22 associate with industrial hemp; and

1 WHEREAS, Illinois farmers, through the Illinois Farm
2 Bureau advocacy group, have strongly supported state
3 legislative efforts to allow farmers to cultivate industrial
4 hemp in a manner that is highly regulated; Illinois farmers
5 deserve the opportunity to grow a product that is in growing
6 demand in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Though it is technically legal to cultivate
8 industrial hemp with a permit, the United States Drug
9 Enforcement Agency refuses to issue such permits; therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we urge the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, the United
14 States Food and Drug Administration, the United States Attorney
15 General, and all other relevant agencies of the executive
16 branch of the United States government to take immediate steps
17 to remove barriers that prevent Illinois and other American
18 farmers from growing industrial hemp, a product which is
19 already imported into the United States; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we state our belief that industrial hemp, if
21 allowed to be grown in controlled and regulated situations,
22 could spur a growing market for this highly-versatile

1 agricultural commodity; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 provided to the President of the United States, the United
4 States Attorney General, the Administrator of the United States
5 Drug Enforcement Administration, the Director of the Office of
6 National Drug Control Policy, the United States Secretary of
7 Agriculture, the President of the United States Senate, the
8 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the
9 members of the Illinois congressional delegation.