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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Azerbaijan is one of the prominent nations in the
3 Muslim world that promotes and maintains a pro-American stance
4 in foreign relations; and

5 WHEREAS, The Azerbaijani government and its people have
6 shunned extremism and state-sponsored religion in favor of a
7 secular state with equal rights for all citizens, regardless of
8 race, ethnicity, gender, or religious affiliation; and

9 WHEREAS, Azerbaijan is a major supplier of energy resources
10 to some of the United States' most vulnerable allies,
11 particularly in Eastern Europe; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 100 U.S. businesses have an established
13 presence in Azerbaijan, including prominent, successful
14 corporations such as ExxonMobil, Ernst and Young, and
15 Coca-Cola; and

16 WHEREAS, Azerbaijan has been a loyal supporter of the
17 United States' "War on Terror", providing troops and logistical
18 support for NATO operations in Afghanistan; and

19 WHEREAS, The appointment of Azerbaijan to a seat on the
20 United Nations Security Council for the next 2 years places

1 them alongside the United States as a leader in the
2 international community; having a country like Azerbaijan,
3 which shares American values, and with whom the United States
4 maintains close and productive ties, on the United Nations
5 Security Council significantly strengthens American and
6 Azerbaijani interests throughout the world and further fosters
7 greater trust and cooperation amongst American and Azerbaijani
8 citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois currently has limited
10 relations with the nation of Azerbaijan; the expansion of
11 existing relations and the creation of new relationships with
12 the Azerbaijani government and its people are of great
13 importance to both the people of Azerbaijan and the citizens of
14 this State; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we urge the President of the United States and the United
18 States Congress to continue to strengthen ties with the nation
19 of Azerbaijan; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we affirm our belief that stronger relations
21 should be created between Azerbaijan and the State of Illinois
22 and urge the public officials and citizens of this State to
23 take appropriate steps to foster warm relations with the nation

1 of Azerbaijan; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker
4 and Minority Leader of the United States House of
5 Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the
6 United States Senate, and the Ambassador from the Republic of
7 Azerbaijan to the United States of America.