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1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, Fairmount Park is a horse racetrack located in the
3   City of Collinsville in Madison County; and

4   WHEREAS, Fairmount Park has entertained horse racing
5   enthusiasts since the opening of the race track in 1925; and

6   WHEREAS, Fairmount Park serves as an economic engine for
7   the City of Collinsville and the Metro East; and

8   WHEREAS, Fairmount Park directly employs 400 individuals
9   and indirectly employs 600 individuals; and

10   WHEREAS, Fairmount Park conducted over 230 horse races in
11 the 1990s, 65 races in 2013, and is scheduled to conduct 52
12 races in 2014; and

13   WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1739, as amended, allows for the
14 creation of a casino in the City of Chicago; and

15   WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1739, as amended, allows for the
16 creation of 4 new riverboat casinos located in each of the
17 following counties: Cook, Lake, Vermilion, and Winnebago; and

18   WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1739, as amended, will allow

1   electronic gaming at each and every horse racetrack throughout

2   Illinois, with the exception of Fairmount Park; and

3   WHEREAS, Proposed amendments to Senate Bill 1739 are

4   erroneous   and   unfair   to   Fairmount   Park,   the   City   of

5   Collinsville, local businesses, restaurants, hotels, the horse

6   racing industry, and employees at Fairmount Park; and

7   WHEREAS, Fairmount Park should not be excluded in any

8   legislation which allows for electronic gaming at racetracks in

9   Illinois; therefore, be it

10   RESOLVED,   BY   THE   HOUSE   OF   REPRESENTATIVES   OF   THE

11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

12 we   urge   the   members   of   the   General   Assembly   to   include

13 Fairmount Park in any gaming bill which allows electronic

14 gaming at all racetracks in Illinois; and be it further

15   RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

16 delivered to the Illinois Gaming Board, Illinois Governor Pat

17 Quinn, and Fairmount Park.