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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Attitudes towards the Confederate battle emblem
3 have changed drastically over the years, with it being viewed
4 by an ever-increasing number of people as a symbol of bigotry
5 and oppression; and

6 WHEREAS, Recently, student leaders at the University of
7 Mississippi voted to remove the Mississippi state flag, which
8 contains the Confederate battle emblem, from campus until such
9 time as the flag's design is changed to remove the Confederate
10 battle emblem; and

11 WHEREAS, Although the vote reflects the desires of the
12 University of Mississippi's students, it was a non-binding
13 vote; the ultimate decision on whether to remove the
14 Mississippi state flag from the campus resided with school
15 administrators; and

16 WHEREAS, Several other public universities in Mississippi
17 have already chosen to cease flying the state flag; and

18 WHEREAS, On October 26, 2015, University of Mississippi
19 Interim Chancellor Morris Stocks ordered the flag lowered;
20 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate the University of Mississippi student body on
4 having their voice heard and being successful in obtaining the
5 removal of the Mississippi state flag from campus; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the University of Mississippi student body as an
9 expression of our esteem and respect.