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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, Lewis University Airport is a 1,000-acre facility 3 on Renwick Road between Route 53 and Weber Road in Romeoville 4 and is the largest airport in Will County; and

WHEREAS, Lewis University Airport is a national leader in aviation education; it was established in 1932 and is well known and highly regarded; it gives aviation graduates a strong professional network to tap into and a competitive advantage; and

- 10 WHEREAS, Lewis University programs are FAA-approved and
  11 nationally recognized; Lewis University was recently awarded
  12 the Loening Trophy as the outstanding all-around collegiate
  13 aviation program in the nation; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Lewis University Airport plays a critical role in 15 the region as an economic engine; and
- 16 WHEREAS, More than 20 Fortune 500 companies, including
  17 Caterpillar, Citgo, Harrah's, ExxonMobil, and NASCAR, own and
  18 operate aircraft and have offices or plants located within 30
  19 minutes of the airport; and
- 20 WHEREAS, A permanent control tower would make for safer

- 1 landings at the airport, which has two intersecting runways; it
- 2 would attract more commercial jets and increase the economic
- 3 growth in the area; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
  HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
  urge the United States Congress and President Donald J. Trump
  to provide federal funding for Lewis University Airport to
  construct an air traffic control tower, or be added to a
  federal pilot program allowing an air traffic control program;
  and be it further
- RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Majority
  Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck
  Schumer, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.