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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The College of DuPage's mission is to be a center
3 for excellence in teaching, learning, and cultural
4 experiences; and

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WHEREAS, The College of DuPage seeks to provide accessible,
6 affordable, and comprehensive education to all district
7 residents; and

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WHEREAS, The College of DuPage's Cleve Carney Gallery in
the McAninch Arts Center has received the proud distinction of
being selected to host 26 original works of art from the artist
11 Frida Kahlo that are currently held by the Museo Delores Olmedo
12 in Mexico; for over 40 years, such works have not been on
13 display in Illinois for residents to experience; and

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WHEREAS, The Hispanic population has been a growing and
dynamic contributor to the State of Illinois; the struggles and
triumph of Frida Kahlo are a part of that cultural history; and

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WHEREAS, The College of DuPage seeks to present these
unique Frida Kahlo pieces at the College of DuPage in 2020,
with consent from the Mexican Consulate, who considers these
pieces to be a national treasure of Mexico; and

1 WHEREAS, The College of DuPage seeks to use this exhibit to
2 develop and cultivate unique educational and learning
3 opportunities for not just its students and the community, but
4 also for people from all over that the exhibit is expected to
5 bring to Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, An exhibition of this caliber, valued at over \$130
7 million dollars, is unprecedented at a community college; and

8 WHEREAS, The Exhibition is planned to feature 150 personal
9 photographs of Frida Kahlo, a documentary film, a historical
10 exhibition, a poetry garden, a children's area, a gift shop,
11 and a concession area; and

12 WHEREAS, The College of DuPage seeks to promote the
13 Exhibition to K-12 students with a children's area containing a
14 new work about Frida Kahlo by Illinois resident, renowned
15 author and illustrator of over 50 children's books, Mike
16 Venezia; and

17 WHEREAS, The College of DuPage seeks to surround the
18 exhibition with a series of live, world-class performances
19 celebrating art, culture, diversity, and Mexican heritage,
20 including performances by Ballet Folklórico de México, a film
21 series, the children's musical Sugarskull, and a Frida
22 Kahlo-themed classical concert performed by The New

1 Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Kirk Muspratt;
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3 WHEREAS, The Cleve Carney Museum will require an expansion
4 and transformation to museum-grade security standards to host
5 this exhibition, and certain funds for this expansion have been
6 preliminarily approved by the Board; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we commend the College of DuPage's role in this unique cultural
10 opportunity that will benefit over 130,000 residents and school
11 children in the State of Illinois and for being selected to
12 host 26 original works of art from the artist Frida Kahlo; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the College of DuPage as an expression of our
16 esteem and respect.