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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the administration, staff, and students of Roosevelt University on the occasion of the university's 65th anniversary and the ground-breaking for a dramatic 32-story building at the university on April 17, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt University has graduated more than 70,000 students who have become leaders in their professions and careers, including Chicago's first African-American mayor, Harold Washington; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt University was founded at a time when most American universities and colleges did not enroll large numbers of minority, immigrant, or Jewish students; and

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WHEREAS, Roosevelt University became one of the nation's first colleges to admit all qualified students, regardless of race, religion, or national origin; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Roosevelt University has always remained true to the values of inclusiveness, opportunity, and social justice; today, Roosevelt remains one of the most diverse private universities in the Midwest; and

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1 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of President Chuck
2 Middleton, Roosevelt University has undertaken a major new
3 venture in the construction of the nation's second-tallest
4 university building; when the new vertical campus opens in
5 January of 2012, Roosevelt will have modern classrooms,
6 laboratories, offices, student life facilities, and housing
7 for 600 students; and

8 WHEREAS, This extraordinary building will both transform
9 Roosevelt University and create construction jobs for hundreds
10 of Chicagoans at a time when there are very few new building
11 projects in the city; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate the administration, staff, and students of
15 Roosevelt University on the occasion of the university's 65th
16 anniversary and its new building and wish President Middleton
17 and the entire Roosevelt community many years of continued
18 success in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Roosevelt University President Chuck Middleton
21 and the Roosevelt University Board of Trustees.