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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois business, cultural, and government
3 organizations are in a unique position to play a leadership
4 role in encouraging further dialogue on expanding social and
5 economic ties with Cuba; and

6 WHEREAS, Numerous Illinois representatives from
7 businesses, cultural organizations, and government entities
8 have made recent exploratory visits to Cuba; and

9 WHEREAS, Those Illinois groups are unanimous in their
10 conclusion that the Cuban embargo has proven to be a
11 counterproductive policy that has failed to achieve its stated
12 purposes; and

13 WHEREAS, As a result, both Illinoisans and Cubans have been
14 harmed by this failed policy; and

15 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a strong history of
16 trade and academic, cultural, and business exchanges with Cuba
17 and the potential for strong future growth in each of these
18 areas; and

19 WHEREAS, In order to build upon past relationships
20 developed by numerous groups and leaders who have visited Cuba

1 and who desire an end to the current embargo, a re-examination
2 of current policy is needed; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we urge the Governor's Office to redouble its diplomatic
6 efforts with Cuba by forming a Working Group charged with
7 improving Illinois business and trade exchanges with Cuba; and
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That any working group should be charged with
10 coordinating the efforts of State, regional, and national
11 organizations to promote a new and more effective policy
12 between both countries; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 delivered to the Governor.