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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Illinois was the first state to ratify the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which abolished slavery; and

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WHEREAS, The proposed Constitutional Amendment received final approval by Congress and was sent to the states for ratification on January 31, 1865; and

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WHEREAS, United States Senator Lyman Trumbull of Illinois, a co-author of the proposed Constitutional Amendment, promptly sent a telegram asking that "Illinois be the first to ratify" to Governor Richard J. Oglesby, who immediately sent a message to the General Assembly calling for immediate ratification, saying: "It is just, it is humane, it is right to do so."; and

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WHEREAS, Ratification was effected by a joint resolution offered in the Senate on the morning of February 1, 1865, where it was adopted by a vote of 18-6; it then moved on to the House of Representatives, where it was adopted before 4 o'clock that same day by a vote of 48-28; and

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WHEREAS, Following ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the General Assembly also repealed odious laws that discriminated against

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1 African-Americans; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the State
4 of Illinois for the being the first state to ratify the
5 Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution,
6 abolishing slavery; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we recognize the actions of the
8 Twenty-Fourth General Assembly in taking further steps to
9 repeal discriminatory laws.