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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Free Republic of Liberland was proclaimed on
3 April 13, 2015 upon Terra Nullius, a parcel of land unclaimed
4 by any other nation or private entity since the dissolution of
5 the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1991; and

6 WHEREAS, Liberland meets the criteria for statehood as
7 codified in the Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties
8 of States, a treatise that has been ratified by the United
9 States of America; and

10 WHEREAS, Liberland's constitution and systems of
11 governance have been established with significant guidance
12 from the writings of Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and
13 other founders of the United States of America; and

14 WHEREAS, The foreign ministry of Liberland has
15 continuously and publicly expressed its aspirations for
16 strong, peaceful, and mutually-beneficial relations with the
17 United States; and

18 WHEREAS, All cabinet members of Liberland have proclaimed
19 the continued maintenance of peace in the Balkan Peninsula as
20 a vital national interest; and

1 WHEREAS, Liberland is committed to be a catalyst for
2 economic development, free trade, and investment, both within
3 its borders and throughout the Balkan region; and

4 WHEREAS, The primary domestic foundation of Liberland's
5 government is the preservation of the inherent natural rights
6 and individual liberties of its citizens, residents, visitors,
7 and guests; and

8 WHEREAS, Welcoming Liberland into the community of nations
9 will further the vision of the State of Illinois to secure the
10 freedoms of self-determination for all peoples; therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we encourage the further development of Liberland and the
15 efforts of its government and citizens to establish a new
16 partner in guaranteeing the rights of life, liberty, and the
17 pursuit of happiness; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we request the President of the United
19 States, the Secretary of the State, the Senate Foreign
20 Relations Committee, and the House Committee on Foreign
21 Affairs to consider recognizing the Free Republic of
22 Liberland; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to President Vit Jedlicka, President of the Free
3 Republic of Liberland, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.