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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Public Act 95-565 directed the Illinois  
3 Department on Aging (IDoA) to create a "determination of need"  
4 (DON) tool to accurately determine the level of need for  
5 services for seniors and persons with disabilities; and

6           WHEREAS, In Illinois, the Community Care Program serves  
7 people age 60 and older, and the Home Services Program (HSP)  
8 serves people with disabilities age 59 and younger; both  
9 programs utilize the same Determination of Need (DON) tool to  
10 determine program eligibility and allocate service dollars;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, The Community Care Program operated by the  
13 Department on Aging provides home care services to over 100,000  
14 elder adults, ensuring that they are able to stay in their  
15 homes and avoid the more costly institutional settings; and

16           WHEREAS, The Home Services Program operated by the  
17 Department of Human Services serves 26,000 adults with  
18 disabilities allowing them to stay and function in their own  
19 homes and improve their quality of life; and

20           WHEREAS, Governor Rauner has repeatedly tried to increase  
21 the DON Score from 29 to 37, placing thousands of seniors and

1 people with disabilities at risk of losing services and ending  
2 up in institutional care; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 oppose any further attempts to raise the DON Score; and be it  
6 further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 delivered to the Department on Aging, the Department of Human  
9 Services, and Governor Rauner.