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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, President Trump has proposed to move \$54 billion  
3 from human and environmental spending at home and abroad to  
4 military spending, bringing military spending to well over 60%  
5 of federal discretionary spending; and

6 WHEREAS, Polling has found the U.S. public favors a \$41  
7 billion reduction in military spending, a \$94 billion gap from  
8 President Trump's proposal; and

9 WHEREAS, President Trump himself admits that the enormous  
10 military spending of the past 16 years has been disastrous and  
11 has made us less safe, not safer; and

12 WHEREAS, Fractions of the proposed military budget could  
13 provide free, top-quality education from preschool through  
14 college; it could end hunger and starvation, convert the U.S.  
15 to clean energy, provide clean drinking water everywhere it's  
16 needed, build fast trains between all major U.S. cities, and  
17 double non-military U.S. foreign aid rather than cutting it;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, One hundred and twenty one retired U.S. generals  
20 have written a letter opposing cutting foreign aid; and

1 WHEREAS, A United States responsible for providing clean  
2 drinking water, schools, medicine, and solar panels to others  
3 would be more secure and face far less hostility around the  
4 world; and

5 WHEREAS, Our environmental and human needs are desperate  
6 and urgent; and

7 WHEREAS, Economists at the University of Massachusetts at  
8 Amherst have documented that military spending is an economic  
9 drain rather than a jobs program; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 urge the United States Congress to move our tax dollars in  
13 exactly the opposite direction proposed by the President, from  
14 militarism to human and environmental needs; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 delivered to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Majority  
17 Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck  
18 Schumer, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, U.S. House of  
19 Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all members  
20 of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.