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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor has made a  
3 misguided decision to permanently close the Job Corps Civilian  
4 Conservation Center in Golconda, which will result in negative  
5 economic consequences for both the short-term and long-term  
6 future of Southern Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The federal government joins a list of major  
8 employers that have made decisions to wrongly close facilities  
9 in downstate Illinois; in this case, Washington bureaucrats  
10 have removed 60 well-paying jobs from a hardworking town of 700  
11 people, who will now have to support their families with  
12 lower-paying jobs that have little to no benefits; and

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WHEREAS, The Department of Labor's decision to permanently  
14 close the Golconda Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center will  
15 take away one of the few programs in the area in which  
16 struggling young men and women have an opportunity to change  
17 and better themselves through learning a trade or vocational  
18 skill set that can result in an honest paycheck and help them  
19 contribute to their own communities; and

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WHEREAS, The decision to permanently close the Golconda  
21 facility will cause more economic divestment from Southern  
22 Illinois, at a time when Illinois only saw jobs in the State

1 grow 0.03% last year; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 stand in opposition to the United States Department of Labor's  
5 permanent closure of the Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center  
6 in Golconda, and we state our support for the future  
7 retainment, or creation of, job training centers in the State  
8 of Illinois; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 delivered to the United States Department of Labor and the  
11 Golconda Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center.