



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The illegal manufacture and use of
3 methamphetamine is a severe problem in this State, especially
4 in downstate Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly has enacted
6 numerous pieces of legislation that impose stronger penalties
7 for the manufacture or possession of methamphetamine and that
8 make it more difficult to obtain ingredients for the illegal
9 manufacture of methamphetamine, such as the Methamphetamine
10 Control and Community Protection Act and the Methamphetamine
11 Precursor Control Act; and

12 WHEREAS, The proposed federal budget for 2007 could result
13 in the reduction of \$13,000,000 available to our State for
14 methamphetamine law enforcement; and

15 WHEREAS, The major reductions would be to the COPS program
16 and to the Byrne Justice Assistance grants that give money to
17 local police departments to pay for more officers and help
18 provide equipment such as police radios and computer systems;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In 2004, Byrne grants helped Illinois police make
21 1,267 methamphetamine-related arrests and seize 348,923 grams
22 of methamphetamine; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we urge the federal government to reinstate the funding for
26 methamphetamine enforcement, including the COPS program and
27 the Byrne Justice Assistance grants; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be

1 forwarded to the President of the United States, the Speaker of
2 the United States House of Representatives, the President pro
3 tempore of the United States Senate, and to each member of the
4 Illinois Congressional delegation.