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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service (USPS) is
3 currently experiencing a major budget shortfall; the USPS is so
4 low on available funds that it will not be able to make a \$5.5
5 billion payment that is due in September of 2011; missing the
6 payment will create a situation where the USPS will no longer
7 have money to pay its employees and gas up its trucks, forcing
8 it to stop delivering the roughly three billion pieces of mail
9 it handles every week; and

10 WHEREAS, In response to this budget shortfall, United
11 States Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe has proposed a
12 series of cost-cutting measures to erase the agency's deficit,
13 which will reach \$9.2 billion this fiscal year; the cuts
14 include eliminating Saturday mail delivery, closing up to 3,700
15 postal locations, and laying off 120,000 workers, which
16 accounts for nearly one-fifth of the agency's work force; and

17 WHEREAS, Congress is currently considering numerous
18 emergency proposals to save the USPS, but have been unable to
19 come to a consensus on any solution to the budget shortfall;
20 the lack of any solution will eventually force the USPS to
21 cease delivering mail altogether; and

22 WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance that the United

1 States Postal Service remain open and able to perform the
2 vitally importance task of delivering the mail to millions of
3 Americans; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we urge Congress to ensure adequate funding for the United
7 States Postal Service and to take all appropriate steps to keep
8 the United States Postal Service open for all Americans to use;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies be presented to the Speaker
11 and Minority Leader of the United States House of
12 Representatives and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the
13 United States Senate.