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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There is an imbalance between the amount that
3 residents of each state pay to the federal government in tax
4 revenue and the benefits they receive from the federal
5 government; and

6 WHEREAS, Some states, including Illinois, pay more in taxes
7 to the federal government than they receive in federal
8 services, and vice-versa; and

9 WHEREAS, The federal government does not currently track
10 either how much each state receives in federal funds or what
11 the size of the imbalance is between payments and returns; and

12 WHEREAS, Having this information readily available would
13 enable more accurate estimations of the true costs and benefits
14 of federal programs to the residents of each state, providing
15 legislators with another way to gauge the value of the
16 legislation they will have the option to fund; and

17 WHEREAS, To address these concerns and provide a
18 methodologically sound basis for comparing taxation and
19 spending data, United States Representative Bill Foster has
20 introduced H.R. 787 in Congress; and

1 WHEREAS, H.R. 787 will allow legislators to evaluate the
2 state-by-state effects of federal spending practices;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 urge Congress to pass H.R. 787; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional
9 delegation.