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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Every 10 years, Article 1, Section 2 of the United  
3 States Constitution mandates a count of all the people living  
4 in the United States and its territories; and

5           WHEREAS, Illinois has lost one congressional seat in every  
6 census cycle since 1950; Illinois could possibly lose two  
7 congressional seats based off the 2020 Census count; and

8           WHEREAS, The data obtained from the census count in every  
9 state will determine federal dollars that are allocated to  
10 states, accordingly; Illinois receives more than \$20 billion  
11 dollars in federal funding annually, based off census data; and

12           WHEREAS, Illinois needs to work together as a state to  
13 ensure a fair, accurate, and coordinated census count in 2020;  
14 all Illinois General Assembly members should make a concerted  
15 effort to engage in local count committees and serve as trusted  
16 messengers in their community to educate residents on the  
17 importance of being counted; and

18           WHEREAS, The census self-response is going on line for the  
19 first time ever in the history of the U.S. census count;  
20 Illinois needs to ensure that residents living in areas where  
21 broadband access is not readily available have the resources

1 available to connect and self-report; and

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly should also  
3 consider allocating an appropriation for community-based  
4 organizations and local governments across the State to have  
5 capacity dollars necessary to do outreach work; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois established a statewide  
7 Complete Count Commission last year to ensure 22 commission  
8 members begin reaching out to communities across the State to  
9 ensure coordination and collaboration; this commission is the  
10 first of its kind in the country created by state statute; and

11 WHEREAS, Every resident in Illinois should have access to  
12 information about the Census 2020 well in advance of Census Day  
13 2020; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we declare April 1, 2019 as Census Awareness Day.