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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, Advocates are constantly looking to extract more 3 money from working U.S. men and women to spend on what they 4 consider to be good causes; and
- 5 WHEREAS, A proposal, currently moving rapidly through the 6 U.S. Congress, would direct U.S. financial institutions to 7 open virtually all of their customers' account books and 8 papers to the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS); and
- 9 WHEREAS, This proposal would subject all transactions over 10 \$600 to federal IRS investigation and scrutiny; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Although this proposal is being sold to 12 supporters as a weapon against alleged "tax evasion," it would 13 also open the books of the great majority of American 14 households, on a month-by-month basis, to federal 15 investigators; and
- 16 WHEREAS, The great majority of American households who
 17 have mortgaged a home or who pay rent on a home participate in
 18 monthly transactions of more than \$600; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The great majority of American households who 20 have and use credit cards participate in monthly transactions

- of more than \$600; and
- 2 WHEREAS, The great majority of working Americans who work
- 3 for pay have their pay deposited in accounts held in financial
- 4 institutions, and whenever a deposited pay stub would be
- 5 greater than \$600, the transaction would be open to federal
- 6 investigation and scrutiny; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Enacting a financial institution open-books law
- 8 with a transaction trigger of \$600 will virtually end the
- 9 financial privacy of the American people; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Every American who values their financial
- 11 standing and privacy must stand in total opposition to this
- 12 misguided proposal, and this opposition is urgently needed
- 13 because this privacy can never be recovered once it is gone;
- 14 therefore, be it
- 15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 16 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- we totally and urgently oppose the \$600 transaction financial
- inspection and reporting proposal being considered in the
- 19 United States Congress as of October 2021; and be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 21 delivered to members of the Illinois Congressional delegation.