



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Immigration and Nationality Act provides the
3 United States Attorney General may cancel removal of and adjust
4 to the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent
5 residence, an alien who is inadmissible or deportable from the
6 United States, if the alien establishes that removal would
7 result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to the
8 alien's spouse, parent, or child, who is a citizen of the
9 United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent
10 residence; and

11 WHEREAS, Immigration judges and the Board of Immigration
12 Appeals are denying cancellation of removal cases because in
13 their discretion they are determining that the hardship
14 requirement is not met as it pertains to citizen children and
15 are in essence deporting these citizen children with their
16 parents; and

17 WHEREAS, These determinations by the immigration judges
18 are discretionary and therefore are not subject to review in a
19 federal court; and

20 WHEREAS, United States citizens have been writing their
21 Congressmen and women to urge the United States Congress to
22 support an amendment to section 240A(b) of the Immigration and
23 Nationality Act to provide for an automatic finding of hardship
24 as it pertains to United States citizen children; therefore, be
25 it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
28 request that the United States Congress order an accounting on
29 behalf of United States citizen children from the Department of
30 Justice of how many applications for cancellation of removal
31 under section 240A(b) of the Immigrant and Nationality Act have

1 been filed since 1996; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we request that the United States Congress
3 inquire how many applicants for cancellation of removal were
4 denied; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we request that the United States Congress
6 inquire how many United States citizen children have been
7 affected by denials; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we request that the United States Congress
9 request a breakdown of the countries of origin of the
10 applicants; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
12 each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.