



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Couples in divorce, custody, and visitation court
3 proceedings often do not have equal access to financial
4 resources; and

5 WHEREAS, Perpetrators of domestic violence gain control of
6 financial assets to obtain power and control over their
7 partners and victims; and

8 WHEREAS, Victims of domestic violence often have no
9 financial assets to help them obtain, or maintain, custody of
10 their children; and

11 WHEREAS, Victims of domestic violence often have no
12 financial assets to protect their children from their abusers'
13 repeated custody or visitation disputes; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we urge all attorneys and other legal advocates involved in
17 divorce, custody, and visitation proceedings in court to
18 responsibly negotiate and litigate the expenditure of marital
19 assets for payment of attorney's fees for both parties during
20 dissolution, post-dissolution, paternity, and domestic
21 violence cases and utilize thereby to the fullest extent
22 possible the significant remedy provisions found in the
23 "leveling law", specifically Section 501(c)(1) of the Illinois
24 Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.