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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The economic downturn is having a critical impact 3 on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find 4 jobs in an increasingly difficult environment; and

5 WHEREAS, Those same Americans are the taxpayers that 6 provide the revenue needed to operate essential government 7 services; and

WHEREAS, Congress has approved and President Obama has signed into law a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and other projects that will require manufactured components; and

15 WHEREAS, Our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize 16 the creation of American jobs and to restore the economic 17 vitality of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan moneys will immediately help struggling American families and will help to stabilize our greater economy; and

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WHEREAS, Any economic recovery plan spending should, to the extent possible, include a commitment from the State to buy materials, goods, and services that are produced within the United States, thus employing the very workers who pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE ΟF NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the State will work to maximize the creation of American jobs and restore economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed; and be it further

That the State commits to purchasing only RESOLVED, products and services that are made or performed in the United States whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery moneys provided to the State by the taxpayers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State will publish any requests to waive these procurement priorities so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our 1 nation's economic recovery program.