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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The President of the United States and Congress 3 are poised to enact an economic stimulus package valued at over 4 \$800 billion; and

WHEREAS, On January 12, 2009, Congressman Mark Kirk announced his intention to offer an amendment to the stimulus bill that would prevent any stimulus funds from being controlled by Governor Blagojevich; instead the funds would be directed to the Illinois General Assembly for distribution; and

WHEREAS, Under the economic stimulus proposal, Illinois will likely receive hundreds of millions of dollars for education, social service programs, and various infrastructure improvements and maintenance projects; and

WHEREAS, Federal stimulus moneys must be allocated in a fair and accountable manner to ensure that the funds are distributed where they are needed the most in order to generate jobs and community prosperity throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Due to the ongoing federal investigation of the Governor and the Illinois Senate's impeachment trial, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Illinois that Governor Blagojevich not have access to federal stimulus moneys;

- 1 therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 4 urge the United States Congress to include in its economic
- 5 stimulus bill language to limit Governor Blagojevich's ability
- 6 to administer and distribute the federal stimulus moneys; and
- 7 be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 9 delivered to the President of the United States, United States
- 10 Senators Richard Durbin and Roland Burris, and each of the
- 11 members of the Illinois Congressional delegation.