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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) was enacted over 60 years ago to guarantee financing for a national employment security system, to be operated on the basis of a partnership between the federal government and the separate states; and

WHEREAS, A "temporary surtax" of 0.2%, enacted under FUTA in 1976, is still being collected today; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, FUTA unemployment taxes have burdened job creation and employment, and the ability of states to fund essential unemployment insurance and employment services has suffered; and

WHEREAS, States should be better equipped to provide local services to their unemployed citizens; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United States Congress and President to enact employment security financing reform that includes repealing the FUTA surtax, increasing state flexibility, and eliminating inefficiencies in FUTA tax collection while maintaining the trust funds on the unified budget; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to  
2 the President of the United States, the President pro tempore  
3 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States  
4 House of Representatives, and all members of the Illinois  
5 congressional delegation.