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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Research has found that non-violent youth are less  
3 likely to become further involved in criminal behavior if they  
4 remain in their home communities and if appropriate services  
5 are available that address underlying needs such as mental  
6 illness, substance abuse, learning disabilities, unstable  
7 living arrangements, and dysfunctional parenting; it has also  
8 been demonstrated that it is less expensive than a sentence to  
9 the Department of Juvenile Justice; and

10           WHEREAS, Redeploy Illinois is designed to provide services  
11 to youth between the ages of 13 and 18 who are at high risk of  
12 being committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice; a fiscal  
13 incentive is provided to counties to provide services to youth  
14 within their home communities by building a continuum of care  
15 for youth who are in the juvenile justice system; counties link  
16 youth to a wide array of needed services and supports within  
17 the home community, as indicated through an individualized  
18 needs assessment; services are provided in the least  
19 restrictive manner possible, and can include case management,  
20 court advocacy, education assistance, individual/family/group  
21 counseling, and crisis intervention; and

22           WHEREAS, The average annual cost to serve a youth in the  
23 Redeploy program in 2013 was approximately 6% of the annual

1 cost to house a youth in the Department of Juvenile Justice; in  
2 2013, the average per capita cost to house a youth at the  
3 Department of Juvenile Justice was a reported \$111,000; in  
4 2013, 352 youth received full Redeploy Illinois program  
5 services with an appropriation of \$2,385,100; this equates to  
6 an annual Redeploy program cost per youth of \$6,776; in 2012,  
7 238 fewer youth were committed to the Department of Juvenile  
8 Justice because of the Redeploy Illinois program, saving  
9 Illinois taxpayers nearly \$11.7 million in unnecessary  
10 incarceration costs for 2012; the Redeploy Illinois program  
11 reduced overall Department of Juvenile Justice commitments in  
12 the 4 pilot sites by nearly 50% (599 fewer youth) over the 5  
13 years relative to the 3-year baseline average; research found  
14 that court evaluation commitments to the Department of Juvenile  
15 Justice in these sites were reduced by 87% over the 5 years  
16 relative to the 3-year baseline average; in the first 8 years  
17 of the program, participating counties sent 1,036 juveniles to  
18 the Department of Juvenile Justice; this was a steep decline  
19 from the projected 2,268 youth that were likely to have been  
20 sent based on the previous 3-year commitment trend; it  
21 represents a 54% reduction in Department of Juvenile Justice  
22 commitments over the life of the program; through 2012, the  
23 Redeploy program diverted 1,232 youth saving the State a  
24 conservative \$60,000,000 in unnecessary incarceration costs;  
25 each funded Redeploy Illinois program site is required by  
26 statute and contract to reduce its commitments to the

1 Department of Juvenile Justice by a minimum of 25% compared to  
2 their baseline; in 2012, compared to the 3-year baseline, the 8  
3 Redeploy Illinois program sites in operation combined to reduce  
4 eligible Department of Juvenile Justice commitments in their  
5 counties by 64%; and

6 WHEREAS, Based on its success, the Redeploy Illinois  
7 program was expanded from 4 sites to 8 in January 2009; serving  
8 nearly 25% of all Illinois counties, the Redeploy sites  
9 continued to effectively reduce the incarceration of hundreds  
10 of youth while also holding the line on the use of local  
11 detention; many counties in Illinois lack the resources to  
12 effectively serve delinquent youth locally; a lack of local  
13 programs and services plays a significant role in the court's  
14 decision to commit a youth to a correctional facility; and

15 WHEREAS, The funds provided to the Redeploy sites fills the  
16 gaps in their continuum of services, allowing them to  
17 cost-effectively serve youth in their home communities and  
18 reduce the system's reliance on corrections; this progressive  
19 effort to build on the work done in other states such as Ohio  
20 and Pennsylvania, which successfully reduced juvenile  
21 incarceration rates through similarly structured programs, is  
22 paying off; 2010 cost benefit analysis indicated that on  
23 average, the 8 Redeploy sites reduced their commitments in 2010  
24 by 53% from their baselines; according to the per capita cost

1 of incarcerating one juvenile in Department of Juvenile  
2 Justice, this decrease in commitments translates to a  
3 \$9,038,927 cost avoidance for the State; youth are being  
4 successfully treated in their own communities and kept from the  
5 devastation of incarceration, saving the State money, reducing  
6 the number of crime victims, and creating safer communities  
7 across Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, P.A. 98-0060 provides that in a county with a  
9 population exceeding 2,000,000, the Redeploy Illinois  
10 Oversight Board may authorize the Department of Human Services  
11 to enter into an agreement with that county to reduce the  
12 number of commitments of juvenile offenders, except that the  
13 agreement may encompass a clearly identifiable geographical  
14 subdivision of that county; the geographical subdivision may  
15 include, but is not limited to, a police district or group of  
16 police districts, a geographical area making up a court  
17 calendar or group of court calendars, a municipal district or  
18 group of municipal districts, or a municipality or group of  
19 municipalities; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 urge the Department of Human Services and Cook County to enter  
23 into all Redeploy Illinois agreements allowable pursuant to  
24 P.A. 98-0060; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board, the Cook  
3 County Board President, the Director of the Illinois Department  
4 of Human Services, and the General Assembly.