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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Medicaid coverage provides access for many to
3 necessary health services, which results in improved health and
4 financial security; coverage lowers infant, child, and adult
5 mortality rates and increases the use of critical preventive
6 service, such as prenatal care; coverage also virtually
7 eliminates catastrophic out-of-pocket medical expenditures,
8 providing much-needed financial security and peace of mind; and

9 WHEREAS, Medicaid is a considerable economic boost to the
10 Illinois economy; the State stands to lose 9,280 jobs for every
11 5% reduction to the Medicaid program; and

12 WHEREAS, The expansion of Medicaid increased economic
13 activity by \$2.6 billion in Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Illinois is in a unique transitional phase in its
15 health care delivery system; the State is in the first year of
16 a massive implementation of statewide Medicaid managed care for
17 more than 50% of the Medicaid population; in addition, Illinois
18 has elected to experiment with different models of coordinated
19 care intended to evaluate the effectiveness of traditional
20 Managed Care Organizations and less traditional Accountable
21 Care Entities (hospital-led ACO models) and Coordinated Care
22 Entities (health home models led by community based providers

1 targeted to the special needs population); reductions in
2 Medicaid can result in disruption of these systemic changes;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Comprehensive health care provided through
5 Medicaid reduces the incidence of depression, ensures that more
6 women are able to receive important preventive services, such
7 as cancer screenings, and decreases mortality rates; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois has already undertaken significant
9 reductions to the Medicaid program; through the "Save Medicaid
10 Access and Resources Together Act" (SMART Act) nearly \$1
11 billion in 62 spending reductions, utilization controls, and
12 provider cuts were made; and

13 WHEREAS, Numerous organizations, public health entities,
14 and impacted citizens are dependent on the Illinois Medicaid
15 program; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 pledge that no further reductions will be made in the Illinois
19 Medicaid program and encourage Illinois residents to support
20 this vital program.