

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States is the  
3 blue print for the oldest and strongest democratic government  
4 in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, The people of the State of Illinois continue to  
6 uphold the principles of liberty and democracy, and to  
7 support the striving others in pursuit of those ideals; and

8 WHEREAS, The more than one half million citizens of the  
9 District of Columbia are disenfranchised and are unique in  
10 that they lack voting representation in the United States  
11 Congress while proudly and willingly shouldering the full  
12 responsibilities of the United States citizenship; and

13 WHEREAS, This disenfranchisement of the citizens of the  
14 Nation's Capitol is contrary to the spirit of liberty and  
15 democracy and absolutely in violation of the values on which  
16 the United States was founded; and

17 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the people of the  
18 State it represents hereby voice their support for the  
19 citizens of the District of Columbia and for the principle  
20 that all American citizens shall elect and be represented by  
21 voting representatives in the national legislature; and

22 WHEREAS, The citizens of the District of Columbia, like  
23 citizens from any state, should have the right to elect  
24 representatives to both houses of the United States Congress;  
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
28 we encourage legislatures throughout this nation to express  
29 support for the people of the District of Columbia in their  
30 campaign to right an historic wrong and realize fully the  
31 promise of American democracy; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to each member of the Illinois congressional  
3 delegation.