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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Too many minor offenders, especially drug
3 offenders, are sentenced to terms of imprisonment in county
4 jails and the Department of Corrections; and

5 WHEREAS, Many offenders are sentenced to imprisonment for
6 possession of small quantities of controlled substances; and

7 WHEREAS, These sentences disproportionately impact the poor
8 and disadvantaged; and

9 WHEREAS, The costs of incarceration exceed the costs of
10 home confinement and treatment; and

11 WHEREAS, Confinement of these offenders in jail or the
12 Department of Corrections diverts resources that should be
13 devoted to protecting the public from violent offenders; and

14 WHEREAS, Attitudes toward drug addiction have changed over
15 the years; and

16 WHEREAS, Drug addiction is as much a medical problem as a
17 criminal justice issue; and

18 WHEREAS, Treatment is a preferred disposition to jail time

1 for persons convicted of possession of small quantities of
2 controlled substances; and

3 WHEREAS, We urge prosecutors and judges to consider home
4 confinement to jail time for these low level drug offenders;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 urge the Governor and the Department of Corrections to
9 discourage prosecutors from recommending and judges from
10 sentencing low level drug offenders to the county jail or the
11 Department of Corrections; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 delivered to the Governor and to the Director of Corrections.