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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It has become common for corporations to seek financial incentives from state and local governments in order to relocate or expand operations across the country; and

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WHEREAS, These incentives are funded by taxpayer money in the form of income tax credits, site-specific infrastructure improvements, and property and sales tax waivers; and

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WHEREAS, In one instance, the State of Nevada offered \$1.3 billion in taxpayer-funded incentives that would allow a \$50 billion electric automobile company to be free from sales tax for 20 years and free from property taxes for ten years; and

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WHEREAS, Closer to home, very recently, the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois offered an almost \$1 trillion dollar company more than \$2 billion in taxpayer incentives to attract them to our state; and

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WHEREAS, In one extreme example, the State of Washington offered incentives possibly worth \$8.7 billion to a top airline manufacturer; and

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WHEREAS, The pressure to offer the most generous incentive packages has led to a race to the bottom, pitting communities

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1 against each other to the detriment of our tax base, our school  
2 districts, and essential government services; and

3 WHEREAS, There is significant evidence that communities  
4 fail to recoup the costs of such incentives, even years after a  
5 corporation relocates; and

6 WHEREAS, Many times, these corporations begin to look for  
7 better deals elsewhere and attempt to extract further taxpayer  
8 resources from state and local coffers just as a community  
9 might begin to see long-term benefits; and

10 WHEREAS, There are many struggling communities that cannot  
11 offer exorbitant incentives, despite having adequate  
12 infrastructure, a talented workforce, and other quality of life  
13 benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, These giveaways of taxpayer money are more wisely  
15 spent to improve infrastructure, to invest in K-12 and higher  
16 education, and to offer workforce training for 21st century  
17 jobs; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 the General Assembly urges the government of the United States  
21 of America to enact a federal system limiting and regulating

1 the types of incentives that states can offer to poach  
2 companies from each other; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That by doing so, local governments can instead  
4 invest money back into their local communities through  
5 beneficial programs, such as workforce training or higher  
6 education grants, rather than sending that money into the  
7 pockets of multi-billion dollar corporations; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That strengthening our local governments further  
9 strengthens the economic condition of our State, placing  
10 Illinois firmly on the road to prosperity; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 presented to the Governor of Illinois, the President of the  
13 United States, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Illinois  
14 Congressional Delegation.