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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, By law, the U.S. government is required to count
3 the number of people living in the United States every ten
4 years; engaging the participation of all individuals in order
5 to get an accurate count is of crucial importance because
6 census numbers impact all individuals and all organizations in
7 the United States in many ways; and

8 WHEREAS, The federal government uses census numbers to
9 allocate more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually for
10 community programs and services, such as education programs,
11 housing and community development, health care services,
12 grants, and a variety of special projects; and

13 WHEREAS, The census also plays a vital role in our nation's
14 system of government by determining how many representatives
15 will be sent to Congress from each state to convey our concerns
16 and work towards a better future; the information is then used
17 by lawmakers to prioritize allocations to the communities
18 schools, hospitals, and infrastructures in the most need; and

19 WHEREAS, State, local, and tribal governments use census
20 information for planning and allocating funds for new schools,
21 libraries, public transportation systems, new roads and
22 bridges, and for help in determining zoning locations for

1 police, fire, and other first responders; and

2 WHEREAS, Communities and small businesses use census
3 information to develop social service programs, community
4 action, and outreach projects; census numbers help determine
5 where to locate factories, shopping centers, movie theaters,
6 banks, and offices, which all have the potential to lead to new
7 jobs; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we recognize the importance of prioritizing census
11 participation and urge state agencies to post clear and easy to
12 access information regarding census procedures in English and
13 Spanish so that all individuals have an equal opportunity for
14 civic duty engagement; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 delivered to the Governor's Office and all members of the
17 Illinois General Assembly.