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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has 36 Community Action Agencies that provide services in all 102 counties; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois Community Action Agencies employ more than 5,000 full-time staff; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois Community Action Agencies utilize the services of more than 18,000 volunteers, totaling 1.3 million hours of service; and

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WHEREAS, Since 1981, the Community Services Block Grant remains the foundation funding for Community Action Agencies; and

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WHEREAS, For every Community Services Block Grant dollar invested, the Illinois Community Action Network leveraged \$5.36 from State, local, and private sources; and

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WHEREAS, In 2009, the Community Services Block Grant, through the Illinois Community Action Network, helped nearly 800,000 individuals move toward economic security; and

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WHEREAS, In 2010, the Community Services Block Grant created and retained 2,235 jobs through the American Recovery

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1 and Reinvestment Act; and

2 WHEREAS, The Community Services Block Grant provides a
3 vital lifeline for Illinoisans in need of assistance for food,
4 housing, job training, medical assistance, and emergency
5 services; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we support the positive impact of the Community Services Block
9 Grant in the State of Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we oppose any action by Congress or the
11 President to reduce Community Services Block Grant funding; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be given
14 to the President pro tempore and Secretary of the United States
15 Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of
16 Representatives, each member of the Illinois congressional
17 delegation, and the President of the United States.