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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, 32,909 Americans with intellectual and  
3 developmental disabilities (ID/DD) lived in 162 large,  
4 state-operated facilities - with 16 beds or more - in 42 states  
5 as of June 30, 2009; and

6           WHEREAS, Persons with ID/DD have a fundamental right to be  
7 given a choice in services that provide respect and dignity;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Persons with ID/DD have the right to live in the  
10 least restrictive environment consistent with *Olmstead v.*  
11 *L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999); and

12           WHEREAS, Individuals with ID/DD living in integrated  
13 community settings are afforded an improved quality of life and  
14 higher level of personal independence; and

15           WHEREAS, It is cost effective to move persons with ID/DD  
16 from large, state-operated facilities to home and  
17 community-based services (HCBS) waiver settings; and

18           WHEREAS, Average costs in 2009 totaled \$196,735 per  
19 person/per year in state-operated facilities, versus \$43,969  
20 per person/per year in HCBS waiver settings, a 77.7% cost

1 savings; and

2 WHEREAS, The federal government provides funding to assist  
3 in moving persons with ID/DD from state-operated facilities to  
4 HCBS waiver settings; and

5 WHEREAS, 10 states, plus the District of Columbia, have  
6 already closed their large state-operated facilities for  
7 Americans with ID/DD; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 Illinois in 2012 takes action in a caring, comprehensive manner  
11 to transition State-operated facilities for persons with  
12 intellectual and developmental disabilities as appropriate,  
13 and to ensure care in the least restrictive environment; and be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 presented to the Governor, to the Secretary of the Department  
17 of Human Services, and to members of the Illinois Congressional  
18 delegation.