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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Warren G. Murray Developmental Center,  
3 "Murray Center", was built in 1964 to meet the needs of  
4 Illinois residents with developmental disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, Part of the mission of the Murray Center has been  
6 to provide not only medical care for residents but also  
7 programs and activities to promote the general welfare of the  
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, The Murray Center has received certifications  
10 under State and federal law which allow the care provided at  
11 the facility to earn federal matching funds under the Medicaid  
12 program; and

13 WHEREAS, Due to the federal Medicaid certification, the  
14 State of Illinois receives federal matching funds for roughly  
15 50% of the Murray Center's operational costs; and

16 WHEREAS, The operational budget for the Murray Center has  
17 been close to \$40 million annually in recent fiscal years,  
18 providing federal reimbursements of roughly \$20 million  
19 annually; and

20 WHEREAS, Concerns have been raised that the proposal to

1 close the Murray Center and the pending action on the closure  
2 in front of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review  
3 Board could adversely impact the Medicaid certification of the  
4 Murray Center thereby endangering the collection of federal  
5 reimbursements; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Illinois Department  
9 of Human Services to take all appropriate actions to ensure  
10 that the Murray Center maintains its federal Medicaid  
11 certification to ensure that federal matching funds will be  
12 earned for care provided at the facility; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, We urge the Department of Human Services to  
14 maintain staffing levels and the provision of resources  
15 necessary to maintain all necessary certifications to ensure  
16 that residents of the Murray Center continue to receive the  
17 high quality of care which has been provided at the facility;  
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the Department of Human Services.