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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, After years of mismanagement, the United States
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development made the
4 announcement to close the McBride and Elmwood public housing
5 buildings of the Alexander County Housing Authority, rather
6 than make any efforts to improve the living conditions of the
7 people who live there; and

WHEREAS, It is unjust to evict the families currently residing in these housing developments, many of whom have no other place to turn; and

WHEREAS, The closure of these housing developments will not only cause devastation to the community of Cairo, but to Illinois as a whole, since many families living in these housing developments may choose to leave Southern Illinois or the State altogether; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Housing and Urban Development is shifting responsibility for the Alexander County Housing Authority and putting the families and the people of Cairo at risk; and

20 WHEREAS, The Governor must stand up for the people whom he 21 represents and take action to help those that are being

- 1 negatively impacted by the Cairo housing closures; therefore,
- 2 be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 5 strongly urge the Governor and the Department of Commerce and
- 6 Economic Opportunity to direct funds that would allow the
- 7 rebuilding and repair of the Alexander County Housing
- 8 Development in Cairo; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 10 presented to the Governor, the Department of Commerce and
- 11 Economic Opportunity, the Alexander County Housing Authority,
- and the McBride and Elmwood public housing buildings.