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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
3 (TANF) program was created by Congress in 1996 to help needy
4 families achieve self-sufficiency by providing temporary
5 financial assistance for pregnant women and families with one
6 or more dependent children; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 1996, the real dollar amount in State
8 funding for Illinois' TANF program has been effectively reduced
9 by 25%; this reduction is not only dangerous for the families
10 who are depending on TANF benefits for stability, but also puts
11 a greater burden on caseworkers who are tasked with assisting
12 these families to become self-sufficient; and

13 WHEREAS, The General Assembly must take up the matter of
14 further investing in Illinois' TANF program and see to it that
15 the State assists in lifting Illinois' most vulnerable families
16 out of poverty to become self-sufficient contributors to the
17 State's economy; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the
20 House asks that the General Assembly restore funding for
21 Illinois' Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to
22 the original funding levels established in 1996.