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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
3 (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to low-income individuals  
4 and families; and

5 WHEREAS, While SNAP is intended to ensure that no one  
6 should fear going hungry, it also reflects the importance of  
7 work and responsibility; and

8 WHEREAS, SNAP rules require all recipients meet work  
9 requirements unless they are exempt because of age or  
10 disability; and

11 WHEREAS, Some of these working individuals are ABAWDs, or  
12 able bodied adults without dependents, who must meet work  
13 requirements to maintain SNAP eligibility; and

14 WHEREAS, ABAWDs can only receive SNAP benefits for three  
15 months in three years if they do not meet the work requirement,  
16 which requires an ABAWD to work at least 80 hours per month,  
17 participate in qualifying education and training activities 80  
18 hours a month, or comply with a workforce program; and

19 WHEREAS, The three-month time limit on ABAWDs is part of  
20 the law that governs the operation of SNAP and has been in

1 effect since 1996; and

2 WHEREAS, States can apply for a waiver from the three-month  
3 time limit, which would allow ABAWDs to be eligible for SNAP  
4 without meeting the ABAWD work requirement; and

5 WHEREAS, Several other states, including Maine, Georgia,  
6 and Alabama, have chosen not to seek an ABAWD time limit work  
7 waiver from the federal government, and as a result have seen a  
8 decrease in SNAP participation; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 reinstating the work requirement for ABAWDs in Illinois will  
12 encourage work-ready adults to be self-reliant and  
13 independent; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we encourage the Department of Human  
15 Services to let Illinois' federal time limit waiver expire and  
16 not seek another waiver, so that ABAWDs will actively meet  
17 employment or education requirements, boosting our state's  
18 economy and saving our state money with fewer Illinoisans  
19 reliant on SNAP benefits.