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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States Treasury Department
3 announced a plan to place a woman on a currency note during the
4 implementation of security and anti-counterfeiting measures
5 along with the redesign process of the \$20, \$10 and \$5 bills;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, More than one million citizens expressed their
8 opinion and made hundreds of suggestions to then Treasury
9 Secretary Jacob J. Lew; and

10 WHEREAS, On April 20, 2016, Secretary Lew announced that
11 the women's suffrage movement would be honored on the back of
12 the redesigned \$10 bill through depictions of Lucretia Mott,
13 Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and
14 Alice Paul for their contributions in shaping the history of
15 this country; and

16 WHEREAS, Secretary Lew added that honoring the advancement
17 in the Civil Rights Movement would focus on events at the
18 Lincoln Memorial on the back of the new \$5 bill, and Harriet
19 Tubman would appear on the front of the new \$20 bill; and

20 WHEREAS, According to the Harriet Tubman Historical
21 Society, Tubman was born Araminta Ross around 1822 in

1 Dorchester County, Maryland; and

2 WHEREAS, Born into slavery, Tubman was forced to endure
3 horrible living conditions and severe beatings while being
4 forced to work under brutal and unconscionable labor conditions
5 for the slave owners' families and in the fields of the
6 plantations; and

7 WHEREAS, After successfully escaping to the north through
8 the assistance of the Underground Railroad in 1849, Tubman
9 returned to the south and helped to free hundreds of slaves
10 through the Underground Railroad; and

11 WHEREAS, Tubman's persistence and bravery continued as she
12 worked for the Union Army during the Civil War as a cook,
13 nurse, scout, spy, and as a leader in the women's suffrage
14 movement; and

15 WHEREAS, Tubman remained steadfast in her efforts toward
16 freedom and equality until her death in 1913 in Auburn, New
17 York; and

18 WHEREAS, Considering the exemplary life led by this
19 American heroine, the nation overwhelmingly chose Tubman over
20 any other individual female to receive the honor of being
21 placed on the \$20 bill; and

1 WHEREAS, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the passage
2 of the 19th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States
3 that gave women the right to vote, Secretary Mnuchin should
4 maintain the original plan and redesign schedule and release
5 the new currencies along with the added security measures in
6 2020; and

7 WHEREAS, the decade-long delay imposed by Secretary
8 Mnuchin in the implementation of these changes shows blatant
9 disrespect for the former administration and the will of the
10 American people; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we support legislation and initiatives by the U.S. Congress to
14 honor the pledge made to place Harriet Tubman's image on the
15 \$20 bill by 2020; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we urge President Trump and Secretary
17 Mnuchin to reconsider the decision to delay the release of the
18 new design of the \$20 note and work to release the note with
19 Harriet Tubman as soon as possible; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
21 the President of the United States, the Vice President of the

1 United States, members of the United States House of
2 Representatives and the United States Senate, and other federal
3 and state government officials and agencies as appropriate.