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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois is coping with a global outbreak of the
3 coronavirus, the COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to widespread
4 illness and death and has disrupted the lives of all
5 Illinoisans; and

6 WHEREAS, The Governor of Illinois has issued a series of
7 emergency executive orders in response to the COVID-19
8 pandemic; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois public and private colleges have faced
10 unprecedented financial challenges, spending hundreds of
11 millions of dollars in unbudgeted funds supporting their
12 students, faculty, and staff; these colleges have also had to
13 reduce programs in addition to laying off and furloughing
14 workers; and

15 WHEREAS, Many Illinois public and private college students
16 are African American or Latinx and first-generation college
17 students, meaning they are the first in their family to go to
18 college, and they are facing an urgent situation because of
19 family financial pressures; and

20 WHEREAS, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
21 Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress brought only minimal

1 relief to Illinois public and private colleges and universities
2 for investments in campus safety, including social distancing,
3 sanitation, and diagnostic testing measures; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we urge the U.S. Congress to approve a COVID-19 relief package
7 of at least \$120 billion that includes funding for public and
8 private colleges and universities for student and
9 institutional needs, reopening costs, technology costs, and
10 lost revenue due to the pandemic and also includes limited
11 liability protection for these institutions; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to each member of the Illinois Congressional
14 Delegation and the President of the United States.