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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois residents have been facing one of the
3 most difficult times in the State's history; and

4 WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in
5 March of 2020 and has now continued a year after the outset,
6 Illinois families and businesses have had to make incredible
7 sacrifices; the human and economic toll has been incredible;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, throughout this ordeal, however, there has been
10 one constant: resilience; though times have been very
11 difficult, the ability for Illinois families and businesses to
12 stay strong and overcome unbelievable obstacles has been
13 extraordinary; and

14 WHEREAS, this Illinois resilience has been found in more
15 than one way in the Illinois retail and restaurant sector;
16 faced with enormous challenges, ranging from early closures
17 due to stay-at-home orders, to struggling to open (or reopen)
18 their doors and keep workers on the payroll, to paying the
19 various taxes, fees, and other forms of costs incurred through
20 the normal course of doing business in this State, Illinois
21 retailers and restaurants (and the many small businesses that
22 make-up these sectors) have been there to support Illinois

1 families with stocked shelves, warm food, and other provisions
2 that have been essential to the resilience exhibited by people
3 of this State; and

4 WHEREAS, now more than ever, with an economy slowly seeing
5 glimpses of a return to normalcy, State government should do
6 anything within its power to ensure that Illinois businesses
7 have the ability to come back stronger than ever in order to
8 get the economy back on track; and

9 WHEREAS, instead of hearing this message, there are
10 renewed calls to enact legislation that punishes Illinois
11 businesses; one such proposal would take away the vendor's
12 discount; the vendor's discount authorizes a retailer to
13 retain a portion of the use and occupation taxes they collect
14 as reimbursement for the retailers' cost of complying with
15 those taxes on behalf of the State and units of local
16 government; and

17 WHEREAS, the vendor's discount is a fair provision found
18 in State law that is in line with similar provisions which
19 allow the Department of Revenue to retain a portion of sales
20 taxes collected and remitted to units of local government; and

21 WHEREAS, in a time when retailers and restaurants in this
22 State need the support of the State in order to help stimulate

1 the economy back to pre-pandemic levels, proposals such as the
2 reduction or elimination of the vendor's discount run counter
3 to that goal; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we state our belief that no reduction or elimination of the
7 vendor's discount be enacted; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 delivered to the Governor, the Speaker and Minority Leader of
10 the House of Representatives, and the President and Minority
11 Leader of the Illinois Senate.