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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many public and private colleges and universities
3 across the country have frozen or lowered tuition and fees in
4 recent academic years in order to attract and retain students
5 in the middle of a historic health crisis; and

6 WHEREAS, Tuition freezing has been important in light of
7 the adverse impacts the coronavirus has had on students and
8 their families; and

9 WHEREAS, During the pandemic, students have faced a host
10 of devastating setbacks, including losing jobs that help them
11 pay for school, dealing with feelings of isolation and
12 loneliness, and experiencing the loss of family and friends to
13 COVID-19; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite many major U.S. colleges and universities
15 freezing tuition, the average tuition price has nonetheless
16 increased across public and private, two-year and four-year
17 institutions, as detailed in the College Board's Trends in
18 College Pricing and Student Aid 2021 report; the nonprofit's
19 annual report pulls from the latest available data on tuition
20 and fees, net college costs, student federal aid, education
21 borrowing and student loan debt, state and federal higher
22 education funding, and more; and

1 WHEREAS, For the 2021-2022 school year, the average
2 published tuition and fees for full-time undergraduate
3 students for public four-year in-state was \$10,740, an
4 increase of \$170 from 2020-2021 or 1.6% before adjusting for
5 inflation; for public four-year out-of-state, it was \$27,560,
6 an increase of \$410 or 1.5% before adjusting for inflation;
7 for public two-year in-district, it was \$3,800, an increase of
8 \$50 or 1.3% before adjusting for inflation; for private
9 nonprofit four-year, it was \$38,070, an increase of \$800 or
10 2.1% before adjusting for inflation; and

11 WHEREAS, Increasing tuition costs as students grapple with
12 the repercussions of a global pandemic may make higher
13 education financially unfeasible for many; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we urge all public and private colleges and universities in
17 Illinois to freeze tuition costs during the entire length of
18 the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 delivered to Governor JB Pritzker, House Speaker Emanuel
21 "Chris" Welch, Senate President Don Harmon, and Chair John
22 Atkinson of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.