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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State of Illinois prescribes a flat, or non-graduated, income tax system be utilized; and

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WHEREAS, In 2020, the General Assembly put the progressive income tax amendment on the 2020 ballot, which would have altered our Constitution and permitted graduated income tax rates and tax increases on all Illinoisans; and

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WHEREAS, The progressive income tax amendment was roundly rejected by Illinoisans in the 2020 election; and

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WHEREAS, Current inflation levels, rising costs, and recession fears are already wreaking havoc on household budgets of Illinoisans across the state; and

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WHEREAS, Illinoisans already have one of the highest total tax burdens in the country; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is currently collecting record sums of revenue; and

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WHEREAS, Since rejecting the progressive income tax amendment in 2020, five states have transitioned away from a

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1 progressive income tax to a flat, non-graduated income tax;
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3 WHEREAS, In addition to imposing a tax increase through a
4 progressive income tax upon over-taxed Illinoisans, this tax
5 increase would deprive the state of one of the few competitive
6 advantages Illinois has to retain and attract businesses;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we trust the decision
10 Illinoisans made in 2020 when they rejected the path to future
11 tax increases by rejecting and prohibiting the progressive
12 income tax amendment from becoming enacted; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Senate rejects all efforts to
14 raise taxes on Illinoisans by further attempts to change the
15 state's Constitution and transition away from the flat tax to
16 a progressive income tax; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be
18 delivered to all Illinois Constitutional Officers, the
19 President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, and the
20 Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of
21 Representatives.