

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is in a fiscal crisis, and
3 is facing one of the largest deficits in the recent history
4 of the State; and

5 WHEREAS, The General Assembly and Judges have rejected
6 their COLA for FY03 returning \$12 million and Merit Comp
7 Employees will not receive a salary increase and will be
8 required to pay their retirement contribution, taking a 6%
9 hit in FY04; and

10 WHEREAS, There are approximately 32,100 members of AFSCME
11 and 5,000 members of the Teamsters Union who are employees of
12 the State of Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, The FY04 budget is still a work in progress and
14 Governor Blagojevich has asked the General Assembly to
15 curtail spending and has said that everyone must share the
16 pain; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 the General Assembly calls on Governor Rod Blagojevich to
20 request that the Teamsters and AFSCME open their contract
21 with the State; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Teamsters and AFSCME relinquish any
23 COLA and/or pay raise for FY04 in order to share the pain and
24 sacrifice due to the current budget crisis.