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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, Pell Grants are the foundation and principal
- 3 source of federal financial assistance for university students
- 4 in the State of Illinois; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Tuition at public universities has risen over 230%
- 6 since 1990; the average tuition in the State of Illinois is now
- 7 \$4,667 a year; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The average Pell Grant award for a public
- 9 university student in Illinois last year was \$2,584, with
- 10 Illinois students awarded over \$398 million in Pell Grant
- 11 funds; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Over 173,291 Illinois students have received
- 13 federal Pell Grants; therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 16 we urge Congress and the President of the United States to
- increase funding for Pell Grants; and be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- delivered to the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the
- 20 Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, each member of
- 21 the Illinois congressional delegation, and the President of the
- 22 United States.