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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Governor issued Executive Order No. 6 in July 2005 establishing the Illinois Regenerative Medicine Institute (IRMI) under the Department of Public Health to provide grants to entities that engage in stem cell research; and

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Year 2006 budget included an appropriation of \$10 million to the Department of Public Health to award these grants; and

WHEREAS, The Governor further bypassed the legislative process and the rulemaking process by amending his Executive Order No. 6 in February to provide the Department of Public Health with the power to implement the Institute, outlined the functions of IRMI, and established requirements and conditions for grantees; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's amended Executive Order was published in the Illinois Register on February 24th in lieu of Department rules; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has since established the new Institute and is currently considering grant applications that were due to the Department on March 17th; and

WHEREAS, The Department anticipates awarding grants to eligible entities on April 17th; and

WHEREAS, The Governor, in his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007, is seeking a \$15 million appropriation from Tobacco Settlement monies for IRMI; and

WHEREAS, The Governor has further stated that he anticipates increasing this base appropriation by \$2.5 million

1 each year for the next 5 years in order to provide the
2 Institute with an appropriation of \$100 million by Fiscal Year
3 2011; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we require the Governor and the Department of Public Health to
7 provide full disclosure of how the current appropriations for
8 the Institute are being spent; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Governor and the Department of Public
10 Health, upon awarding the grants, disclose all information
11 regarding the grantees, the process by which these grantees
12 were selected, as well as the information on those grant
13 applications that were rejected and the reasons why those
14 applications were rejected; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Governor and the Department disclose any
16 and all other information pertinent to the status and operation
17 of the Institute, including, but not limited to, the oversight
18 and reporting processes in place; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That any future appropriation made to the
20 Department for the purposes of the Institute must be approved
21 by the General Assembly as a stand alone appropriation; and be
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be
24 presented to the Governor and the Director of Public Health.