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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A large proportion of diseases and disorders is
3 preventable; modifiable health risk factors are precursors to a
4 large number of diseases and disorders and to premature death;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Modifiable health risks can be improved through
7 health promotion and disease prevention programs; and

8 WHEREAS, Health promotion and disease prevention programs
9 can save the State money in health care expenditures and
10 produce a positive return on investment; and

11 WHEREAS, According to a 2004 study, tobacco was the leading
12 cause of actual deaths in the U.S.; tobacco use was responsible
13 for 435,000 deaths, which was over 18% of total deaths in the
14 U.S.; and

15 WHEREAS, An analysis of 22 peer-reviewed studies showed
16 that for every dollar invested in health promotion, there was
17 an average savings of \$5.81; there was an average reduction of
18 health care cost of 26%; and

19 WHEREAS, Based on 2001 data, if Illinois reduced smoking in
20 the Medicaid population by 10%, the savings would be \$16

1 million; a 25% reduction would result in a savings of \$40
2 million; a 50% reduction would save Medicaid \$81 million; and

3 WHEREAS, Creating incentives for Medicaid recipients to
4 quit smoking will save money for the State and improve the
5 quality of life of the former smokers; the State does not have
6 to create the program from scratch but can enter into an
7 agreement with experts in the health-and-wellness field to
8 maximize immediate savings; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall create
12 an incentive-based smoking cessation program for Medicaid
13 recipients; the program shall be in operation by January 1,
14 2008; the Department may enter into an agreement with a third
15 party to create or run the program; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Department shall report to the House of
17 Representatives by January 1, 2009 on the progress of the
18 program; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
20 the Director of Healthcare and Family Services.