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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, As of June 27, 2007, the Governor has failed to
3 negotiate a consensus position with the General Assembly on the
4 State budget for Fiscal Year 2008, which begins on July 1,
5 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, After May 31, the General Assembly is deemed to be
7 in overtime session, requiring a three-fifths vote of the
8 members in each chamber to pass legislation that has an
9 effective date before June 1 of the next calendar year; and

10 WHEREAS, Reaching a consensus position on a State budget
11 and any associated substantive issues requires the Governor to
12 be consistently present in Springfield to negotiate with the
13 leaders and members of the General Assembly concerning the
14 budget and associated substantive issues; and

15 WHEREAS, The Governor's travel expenses present an
16 increasing financial burden on the citizens of this State
17 throughout the year, not just during the General Assembly's
18 overtime session; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 the Governor shall not use a State plane or other State vehicle

1 as his transportation from Chicago to the State Capital and
2 back, except that the Governor may use a State plane or other
3 State vehicle in emergency situations and to commute between
4 Chicago and the State Capital once a week; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Governor shall not use State funds or
6 State assets and shall not be reimbursed by the State for
7 travel from Chicago to the State Capital and back more than
8 once per week, except in emergency situations, and the Governor
9 shall pay out-of-pocket for any additional travel to and from
10 Springfield.