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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide an
3 invaluable service to the citizens of the State; they protect
4 the State's rivers, streams, and other water sources from
5 contamination; they also play an important role in ensuring the
6 State's agricultural health and economy; and

7 WHEREAS, In the Fiscal Year 2008 budget passed by the
8 General Assembly, approximately \$7.4 million was appropriated
9 for the operational expenses of Soil and Water Conservation
10 Districts; however, nearly \$6 million of those funds have not
11 been released; and

12 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois Extension offices
13 provide many programs throughout the State, including 4-H,
14 nutrition, and other agricultural programs; more than 2.5
15 million Illinois residents take part in Extension programs each
16 year; and

17 WHEREAS, In the Fiscal Year 2008 budget passed by the
18 General Assembly, approximately \$18 million was appropriated
19 for the University of Illinois Extension programs; those funds
20 have not yet been released; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 urge the Governor to release the funds appropriated to Soil and
3 Water Conservation Districts and the University of Illinois
4 Extension program; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the Governor, the Director of Agriculture, the
7 Director of Natural Resources, and the President of the
8 University of Illinois.