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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The 2008 State of the States In Developmental
3 Disabilities has ranked Illinois 51st in the United States in
4 funding for community residential developmental disability
5 (DD) services in settings of 6 or fewer individuals; Illinois
6 ranked behind the District of Columbia; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has
8 once again given Illinois an 'F' for its lack of funding to
9 ensure access to community mental health (MH) services; and

10 WHEREAS, The Illinois Council on Developmental
11 Disabilities recently commissioned a study by the Human
12 Services Resource Institute, the Blueprint for System Redesign
13 in Illinois, that further highlights the need for system
14 change; and

15 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly also commissioned a
16 study by the University of Illinois, State Funding of Community
17 Agencies for Services Provided to Illinois Residents with
18 Mental Illnesses and/or Developmental Disabilities, to
19 complete a rate study per Public Act 93-0842; and

20 WHEREAS, The low per person costs of services in Illinois
21 are not so much indicative of economy and efficiency in service

1 delivery as they are the by-product of problematic payment
2 policies; there is broad agreement in Illinois that the rates
3 that are paid for developmental disability services are
4 insufficient to ensure the delivery of high quality, effective
5 supports for individuals (Source: Blueprint); and

6 WHEREAS, State payments in 2006 covered on average from 74
7 to 79 percent of agency costs, depending on the program area;
8 current rates, originally based on provider costs for
9 particular inputs, have not been overhauled in many years
10 (Source: University of Illinois Rate Study); and

11 WHEREAS, Illinois now has at least four studies that
12 document underfunding of the community system that provides
13 services and supports to people with developmental
14 disabilities and mental illness; and

15 WHEREAS, SB 1664, now Public Act 95-0682, unanimously
16 passed both the Illinois House and the Illinois Senate in 2007
17 and the Governor's amendatory veto was unanimously overridden
18 in both the House and the Senate; and

19 WHEREAS, PA 95-0682 requires the Governor to create a
20 Commission by July 1, 2007, or as soon thereafter as possible,
21 to review funding methodologies, identify gaps in funding,
22 identify revenue, and prioritize the use of that revenue for

1 community developmental disability, mental health, alcohol and
2 substance abuse, rehabilitation, and early intervention
3 services; and

4 WHEREAS, The rate and reimbursement methodologies must
5 reflect economic factors inherent in providing services and
6 supports; and

7 WHEREAS, The Commission will have 13 voting members,
8 including four members of the General Assembly, one appointed
9 from each caucus; and

10 WHEREAS, The Governor has not yet made his nine
11 appointments to the Commission: two members from unions
12 representing workers in the community, one person or a family
13 member/guardian with a developmental disability, one person or
14 family member/guardian of a person with a mental illness, and
15 five members from statewide associations representing
16 community providers; and

17 WHEREAS, The Commission will also have three ex-officio,
18 non-voting members from the Governor's Office of Management and
19 Budget, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of
20 Healthcare and Family Services; 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 of the State of Illinois to immediately make
3 his nine appointments to the Commission, so it can begin its
4 work to review funding methodologies, identify gaps in funding,
5 identify revenue, and prioritize the use of that revenue for
6 community developmental disability, mental health, alcohol and
7 substance abuse, rehabilitation, and early intervention
8 services; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation
10 Facilities (IARF) wants to highlight these dismal reports of
11 Illinois' investment in community services and work with the
12 General Assembly, the Governor and his office, the Department
13 of Human Services, and the Department of Healthcare and Family
14 Services to make a change through its "51st and Failing
15 Advocacy Campaign"; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Commission begin its work as soon as
17 members are appointed; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Governor of Illinois and the Illinois
20 Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF), as the
21 initiating organization of SB 1664.