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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Section 14 of Article IV of the Illinois
3 Constitution provides that the House of Representatives has the
4 sole power to conduct legislative investigations to determine
5 the existence of cause for impeachment; and

6 WHEREAS, In furtherance of that power, on December 15,
7 2008, the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth General
8 Assembly unanimously adopted House Resolution 1650 creating a
9 Special Investigative Committee for the purpose of (i)
10 investigating allegations of misfeasance, malfeasance,
11 nonfeasance, and other misconduct of Governor Rod R.
12 Blagojevich and (ii) making a recommendation as to whether
13 cause exists for impeachment; and

14 WHEREAS, In recognition of the gravity of the inquiry, the
15 Special Investigative Committee made a thorough investigation
16 by holding hearings, taking evidence, hearing arguments, and
17 faithfully deliberating; and

18 WHEREAS, The Special Investigative Committee gave the
19 Governor the opportunity to appear before the Committee and
20 participate in its proceedings and afforded the Governor more
21 than adequate procedural rights and safeguards; and

1 WHEREAS, The Governor declined several invitations of the
2 Special Investigative Committee to personally appear before
3 the Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, The Special Investigative Committee developed an
5 extensive record of documentary evidence, written and oral
6 testimony, written and oral argument, and transcripts of its
7 proceedings (the "Committee Record"); and

8 WHEREAS, In accordance with House Resolution 1650, the
9 Special Investigative Committee has filed its Final Report with
10 the House of Representatives (the "Final Report"), which is
11 adopted and incorporated as if fully set forth herein; and

12 WHEREAS, The Final Report of the Special Investigative
13 Committee recommends that Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the
14 State of Illinois, be impeached for cause; and

15 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is empowered under
16 Section 14 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution to
17 impeach Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, is

1 2) The Governor's plot to condition the awarding of State
2 financial assistance to the Tribune Company on the firing of
3 members of the Chicago Tribune editorial board, as more fully
4 detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-B and in the
5 Committee Record as a whole.

6 3) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange
7 for campaign contributions, namely the signing of legislation
8 related to the diversion of casino gambling revenues to the
9 horse racing industry, as more fully detailed in the Final
10 Report at Section IV-C-1 and in the Committee Record as a
11 whole.

12 4) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange
13 for campaign contributions, namely the awarding of a State
14 tollway contract and the expansion of a tollway project, as
15 more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-C-2 and
16 in the Committee Record as a whole.

17 5) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange
18 for campaign contributions, namely the release of pediatric
19 care reimbursements to Illinois doctors and hospitals, as more
20 fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-C-3 and in the
21 Committee Record as a whole.

1 6) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange
2 for campaign contributions, namely the appointment to a
3 position with the Illinois Finance Authority, as more fully
4 detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-C-4 and in the
5 Committee Record as a whole.

6 7) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange
7 for campaign contributions, namely the awarding of State
8 contracts, as more fully detailed in the Final Report at
9 Section IV-C-5 and in the Committee Record as a whole.

10 8) The Governor's plot to trade official acts in exchange
11 for campaign contributions, namely the awarding of State
12 permits and authorizations, as more fully detailed in the Final
13 Report at Section IV-C-6 and in the Committee Record as a
14 whole.

15 9) The Governor's refusal to recognize the authority of the
16 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to suspend or prohibit
17 rules, his utter disregard of the doctrine of separation of
18 powers, and his violation of the Illinois Administrative
19 Procedure Act by unilaterally expanding a State program, as
20 more fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-D and in
21 the Committee Record as a whole.

22 10) The Governor's actions with regard to, and

1 responsibility for, the procurement of flu vaccines, as more
2 fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-E and in the
3 Committee Record as a whole.

4 11) The Governor's actions with regard to, and
5 responsibility for, the I-SaveRx Program, as more fully
6 detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-F and in the
7 Committee Record as a whole.

8 12) The Governor's actions with regard to, and
9 responsibility for, the Agency Efficiency Initiatives, as more
10 fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-G and in the
11 Committee Record as a whole.

12 13) The Governor's violation of State and federal law
13 regarding the hiring and firing of State employees, as more
14 fully detailed in the Final Report at Section IV-J and in the
15 Committee Record as a whole.

16 Under the totality of the evidence, some or all of these
17 acts of the Governor constitute a pattern of abuse of power.

18 Wherefore, this abuse of power by Rod R. Blagojevich
19 warrants his impeachment and trial, removal from office as
20 Governor, and disqualification to hold any public office of
21 this State in the future.