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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29
2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, The generation born between 1946 and 1964 is
4 rapidly approaching retirement age; a Baby Boomer turns 50
5 every 7.5 seconds; in 2006, the first Baby Boomers turned 60;
6 by 2011, the first Baby Boomers will turn 65; and people
7 turning 50 today have half of their adult lives ahead of them;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, This growth trend will hit its peak in 2030, when
10 the number of people over age 65 in the United States will soar
11 to 71.5 million - twice their number in 2000, or 1 in every 5
12 Americans; and

13 WHEREAS, The number of people over age 60 in the State of
14 Illinois is projected to increase by 87% from 1,966,236 in 2000
15 to 3,676,295 in 2030 - 1 in every 5 Illinoisans; and

16 WHEREAS, Older persons age 60 and older belonging to
17 minority groups will increase from 307,137 in 2000 to 983,396
18 in 2030 - a 220% increase; and

19 WHEREAS, The number of persons over 85 in the State of
20 Illinois is projected to increase by 109% from 192,346 in 2000
21 to 402,311 in 2030, representing 11% of the over-60 population;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, A national survey of U.S. counties and cities
3 finds that only 46% of American communities have begun planning
4 to address the needs of the exploding population of Baby
5 Boomers; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly finds that State and
7 community preparedness for the aging of the population will
8 require long-range planning, dialogue across generations, and
9 collaboration among State and local governments and
10 organizations in the private sector; and

11 WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006
12 authorize the Illinois Department on Aging and the thirteen
13 Area Agencies on Aging to begin the process of assessing the
14 preparedness of the State and communities for the aging of the
15 citizenry, and to formulate recommendations to government
16 officials at the State, county, and local levels in the areas
17 of health and human services, land use, housing,
18 transportation, public safety, workforce and economic
19 development, recreation, education, civic engagement, and
20 emergency preparedness; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Department on Aging and
2 the thirteen Area Agencies on Aging, with the advice of the
3 Illinois Council on Aging and the Older Adult Services Advisory
4 Committee, and in collaboration with other departments and
5 offices of State government, AARP and other advocacy
6 organizations on behalf of older adults, local units of
7 government, and organizations in the private sector, shall
8 assess the preparedness of the State of Illinois and counties
9 and communities within the thirteen Planning and Service Areas
10 of Illinois for the aging of the population and shall submit a
11 report with recommendations for the planning and development of
12 livable communities for all ages in Illinois to the Illinois
13 General Assembly, the Office of the Governor, and local
14 officials by January 1, 2009; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
16 the Director of Aging.