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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On February 11, 2009, former Governor Rod  
3 Blagojevich was a guest on the Don Wade and Roma Morning Show  
4 on WLS 890 AM; and

5           WHEREAS, Rod Blagojevich, during the interview, claimed on  
6 the air that a legislative leader approached Blagojevich and  
7 requested that Blagojevich hire a legislative secretary who was  
8 having an extramarital affair with a legislator, because the  
9 legislator's wife wanted the secretary fired; and

10           WHEREAS, Blagojevich claimed that finding a job for the  
11 secretary would, according to a tape of the interview, "keep  
12 that guy happy and, you know, then hope that they might work  
13 with us on some issues"; and

14           WHEREAS, The request that Blagojevich hire someone not  
15 based on merit or need, but rather to satisfy a legislator, a  
16 request that would result in a legislator or legislators then  
17 working with the Governor "on some issues", would appear to  
18 constitute an attempt at pay to play; and

19           WHEREAS, State law prohibits public officials from trading  
20 official acts for services; and

1           WHEREAS, The people of the State of Illinois expect their  
2           elected officials to follow State law and work to root out  
3           corruption; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6           the House urges the office of the Sangamon County State's  
7           Attorney to immediately begin an inquiry or investigation to  
8           determine, based on Rod Blagojevich's claims, if any State laws  
9           were violated, and if any legislator or legislators, together  
10          or alone, sought to trade their services in exchange for  
11          Governor Rod Blagojevich hiring a legislator's secretary; and  
12          be it further

13          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14          delivered to the Sangamon County State's Attorney.