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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Home Care is a cost effective alternative in the  
3 continuum of care for thousands of Illinois citizens with  
4 chronic illnesses or injuries or those recovering from surgery;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Advances in medical technology allow health  
7 professionals to provide the highest level of care in a  
8 nurturing home environment; and

9           WHEREAS, Home Care keeps families together; and

10           WHEREAS, Home Care allows older citizens to remain  
11 independent and postpones or eliminates the need for  
12 institutionalization; and

13           WHEREAS, Home Care allows children with chronic illness  
14 remain in their homes and live lives that are not defined by  
15 their illness; and

16           WHEREAS, Home Care promotes healing and prevents  
17 infection; and

18           WHEREAS, Home Care provides a positive environment for  
19 individuals improving their quality of life and, in many cases,

1 extending life; and

2 WHEREAS, Home Care is a cost-effective health care  
3 solution, with per-capita expenditures that are 75-95% percent  
4 lower than other care alternatives; and

5 WHEREAS, There are more than 750 licensed home health  
6 providers in Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Home health is among the fastest growing  
8 professions in the country; and

9 WHEREAS, The current Illinois Medicaid reimbursement rate  
10 is threatening the availability of home health care; and

11 WHEREAS, Illinois' Medicaid reimbursement rate is the  
12 lowest of all Midwestern states and one of the lowest in the  
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Home Care providers are currently reimbursed for  
15 less than half of their actual operating expenses; therefore,  
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall identify

1 and target resources to increase the capacity to meet needs and  
2 desires of the population who could benefit from home health  
3 care and to prepare for future demands to build the capacity in  
4 the system now and into the future; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to  
6 the Director of Healthcare and Family Services.