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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The manufacturing sector is a backbone of the
3 Illinois economy and employs more than 620,000 Illinois workers
4 directly, while contributing the single largest share (13
5 percent) of the State's Gross Domestic Product; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois manufacturers have played a major role in
7 nearly every historic event, from the advent of the assembly
8 line to the Industrial Revolution; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois' community college system has 48
10 community colleges, serving nearly one million people across
11 the State with a comprehensive mission; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve 64 percent of people
13 receiving a post-secondary education, while emphasizing open
14 enrollment and serve individuals with all types of backgrounds
15 and skills; and

16 WHEREAS, Manufacturers and community colleges work
17 together on a regular basis to ensure that Illinois residents
18 have the necessary skills and training to compete in today's
19 global economy; and

20 WHEREAS, It is imperative to provide adequate job training

1 funding for manufacturing curricula and workforce development
2 programs like the Manufacturing Skills Standard Council and
3 other training programs to help unemployed workers, current
4 employees, and students; and

5 WHEREAS, It is essential that job training programs be
6 provided to community colleges in all areas of the State,
7 including those in areas that have been harmed by the economic
8 downturn; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 strongly urge Governor Pat Quinn to support the provision of
12 \$10 million in funding for community colleges to invest in
13 manufacturing workforce development and job training so that
14 employers can be assured of an adequate supply of qualified
15 workers and Illinois residents can be prepared for good paying
16 jobs in today's high performance manufacturing sector; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Governor Pat Quinn.