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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In June of 2009, the Governor issued Executive Order 15, which allows collective bargaining by individual providers of home-based support services; and

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WHEREAS, The Home-Based Services Program provides services to individuals with severe disabilities who need help with daily living activities in order to remain in their communities and live as independently as possible; and

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WHEREAS, Many of the individual providers of home-based support services are parents who are providing services to their children; and

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WHEREAS, Continuity of care is important for profoundly disabled children who are served in the program; even a minor change in the care provided can have a significant negative impact on the disabled child; and

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WHEREAS, The payments given to parents who provide services to their disabled children do not meet the cost of providing care; and

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WHEREAS, The unionization of providers of home-based support services would decrease the resources that are

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1 available to parents to provide necessary care to their
2 disabled children and could lead to the separation of disabled
3 children from their families and the placement of those
4 children in higher-cost State facilities; and

5 WHEREAS, Collective bargaining is allowed under many State
6 and federal laws, and many members of the Illinois House of
7 Representatives are strong supporters of America's tradition
8 of collective labor bargaining; and

9 WHEREAS, Executive Order 15 does not have a regulatory
10 sunset date, and it could allow for repeat and continuous
11 elections; and

12 WHEREAS, On October 19, 2009, individual providers of
13 home-based support services voted against collective
14 bargaining representation with an overwhelming 66% of the vote;
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16 WHEREAS, Neither of the two unions seeking collective
17 bargaining status received more than 20% of the vote; and

18 WHEREAS, It is time to listen to the will of the individual
19 providers of home-based support services; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 urge the Governor to reconsider Executive Order 15; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That we express our opinion that an objective
5 reconsideration of Executive Order 15 would lead to the
6 withdrawal of the gubernatorial order, as it does not reflect
7 the attitudes and desires of the individual providers of
8 home-based support services that the order sought to help; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the Governor of the State of Illinois.