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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly recognizes the
3 immeasurable benefit this State receives from the U.S.
4 Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency, the federal
5 law enforcement community, and the U.S. General Services
6 Administration's Donation Program; and

7 WHEREAS, The law enforcement community attains many needed
8 supplies from the Law Enforcement Surplus Office (LESO), the
9 1033 Program, and federal surplus programs operated by the
10 Department of Central Management Services and supplied by the
11 Department of Defense; and

12 WHEREAS, The Illinois LESO and federal surplus programs
13 approve the transfer of a variety of excess and surplus federal
14 property to our communities, effectively reducing program
15 costs to our law enforcement agencies by acquiring items that
16 are new/unused or have been deemed excess to the federal
17 government; and

18 WHEREAS, The Military Base Realignment and Closure of 2005
19 has significantly reduced Illinois law enforcement access, and
20 that of the central and western states, to federal excess;
21 donation property has been short-supplied in recent months,
22 putting law enforcement agencies at a geographic disadvantage

1 for attaining necessary equipment and supplies; and

2 WHEREAS, The FCC has mandated a changeover to narrow-band
3 frequencies for public safety; and

4 WHEREAS, This mandated changeover is costing public safety
5 agencies, including law enforcement and fire safety agencies,
6 thousand of dollars out of their already limited budgets; and

7 WHEREAS, The timeframe for the changeover has changed for
8 some Illinois communities, putting them in an untenable
9 situation; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we strongly urge the United States
13 Congress to place public safety communications infrastructure
14 and supplies at the top of their stimulus package priority
15 list; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we strongly urge the United States
17 Department of Defense to renew and increase its supply of
18 essential excess and donation surplus equipment to Illinois
19 public safety officers through the 1033 Program, the LESO
20 Program, and the U.S. General Services Administration's
21 Donation Program (Federal Surplus); and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the
3 United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the
4 United States House of Representatives, to each member of the
5 Illinois congressional delegation, and to the Secretary of the
6 United States Department of Defense.