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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives recognize that the United States Postal
4 Service is vital to the State of Illinois by providing mail
5 services and employment to many Illinois residents; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service employs 28,670
7 employees in the State of Illinois and 574,000 employees
8 nationwide; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service is currently
10 faced with very difficult financial challenges; these
11 challenges pose a threat to the jobs of the United States
12 Postal Service employees; and

13 WHEREAS, The current financial challenges faced by the
14 United States Postal Service is projected to lead to 120,000
15 layoffs nationwide and the closure of 3,700 post offices; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has an interest in
17 protecting and preserving the jobs of Illinois residents and
18 the United States Postal Service; and

19 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives supports
20 the passage of the United States Postal Service Pension

1 Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011 (H.R.
2 1351), which calls for the Office of Personal Management to
3 recalculate the USPS surplus in the Civil Service Retirement
4 System, transfer the recalculated surplus to the Postal Service
5 Retiree Health Benefit Fund, and use the surplus to make its
6 payments; and

7 WHEREAS, Passage of the United States Postal Service
8 Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011 is
9 a necessary measure to help prevent the layoffs and closures
10 and protect the United States Postal Service from financial
11 default; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we urge the members of Congress to pass the United States
15 Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and
16 Restoration Act of 2011 to aid the United States Postal Service
17 in their financial challenges and help save the jobs of many
18 Illinois postal workers; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United
21 States House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority
22 Leaders of the United States Senate, and the members of the
23 Illinois congressional delegation.