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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois' income tax has been levied at a
3 non-graduated rate since its inception in 1969; and

4 WHEREAS, The current flat rate structure is a commitment
5 from the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois' current flat tax rate provides a more
7 predictable, sustainable, and enticing climate for businesses
8 and individuals alike; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduated income tax is unresponsive to a modern
10 economy, contributing to slower economic growth, less
11 entrepreneurship, and fewer new jobs; and

12 WHEREAS, States with lower tax burdens, lower marginal tax
13 rates, and less progressivity have more robust economies, with
14 strong incentives to live, work, and start new businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, A graduated income tax creates an ever-increasing
16 disincentive for work at each "step" in the marginal tax rate;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Sound tax policy should reward work effort,
19 saving, investment, risk-taking, and entrepreneurship to

1 promote self-sustaining prosperity; and

2 WHEREAS, Taxpayers would have no certainty what the final
3 tax rates would be in the event that a constitutional amendment
4 permitting a graduated income tax goes before voters;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we state our belief that the Illinois Constitution should not
9 be amended to permit a graduated income tax; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 delivered to all Illinois constitutional officers, the Speaker
12 and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives,
13 and the President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate.