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1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn has announced his intention to
3   transition care from State Operated Developmental Centers; as
4   part of that initiative, he has proposed the closure of the
5   Warren G. Murray Developmental Center; and

6   WHEREAS, On April 19 2013, Governor Quinn announced that
7   residents of the Warren G. Murray Developmental Center will
8   begin moving out of the facility; and

9   WHEREAS, The Warren G. Murray Developmental Center has
10   provided exceptional care to its residents since 1964; and

11   WHEREAS, The Warren G. Murray Developmental Center serves
12   as the home to more than 275 severely developmentally-disabled
13   individuals, many of whom cannot function on their own or
14   without constant care; and

15   WHEREAS, The closure of the Warren G. Murray Developmental
16   Center would result in the displacement of 276 residents and
17   directly impacting the lives of 225 families; and

18   WHEREAS, The State of Illinois does not have viable
19   alternative options of care for the residents upon their
20   displacement; and

1   WHEREAS, The State has begun a study of the results of the
2 closure of the Jacksonville Developmental Center; and

3   WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services has not had the
4 time to observe and track the progress of former residents of
5 the Jacksonville Developmental Center; 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 urge the Governor to stop the closure process of the Warren
9 G. Murray Developmental Center; and be it further

10   RESOLVED, That we request that the Governor complete and
11 review   the   study   of   the   closure   of   the   Jacksonville
12 Developmental Center before the process of closing other State
13 Operated Developmental Centers begins; and be it further

14   RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution is
15 presented   to   the   Governor   and   to   the   Secretary   of   the
16 Department of Human Services.