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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The federal Income Tax Code requires, under
3 penalty of law, that individual United States citizens and
4 business firms incorporated in the United States reveal
5 intimate information and details about their incomes, personal
6 lives, and political opinions; and

7 WHEREAS, Since the enactment of the first federal income
8 tax law in 1913, the Internal Revenue Service has promised
9 individual autonomy and freedom from political harassment to
10 Americans who comply with federal income tax law; and

11 WHEREAS, Recent news reports indicate that starting in 2010
12 personnel of the federal Internal Revenue Service, including
13 high-ranking and supervisory personnel, acting in apparent
14 defiance of federal law and the freedom and autonomy of
15 individual Americans, have singled out American individuals
16 and groups based upon their apparent political leanings; and

17 WHEREAS, These reports indicate that certain nonprofit
18 groups have been singled out for denial or delay in recognition
19 of their nonprofit standing based upon these groups use of
20 identification words favored by political conservatives,
21 including "Tea Party", "patriot", and "9/12"; and

1 WHEREAS, The policy represented by this reported conduct
2 constitutes an attempt to chill the speech of political
3 opponents and silence actual and potential political dissent,
4 in defiance of the fundamental rights enjoyed by the American
5 people; and

6 WHEREAS, We commend the work of the United States Congress
7 in investigating the threat to the fundamental liberties of
8 Americans represented by this alleged conduct, and demand that
9 these reports be investigated as promptly and thoroughly as
10 possible; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we urge the White House, the Office of the United States
14 Secretary of the Treasury, and the Internal Revenue Service to
15 comply with all requests related to Congressional inquiries
16 without any delay, including making available all IRS employees
17 involved in designing and implementing these prohibited
18 political screenings; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
20 the President of the United States, the Secretary of the
21 Treasury, the acting Commissioner of the Internal Revenue
22 Service, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the
23 U.S. Senate Majority Leader, and each member of the Illinois

1 Congressional Delegation.