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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Zero-based budgeting is a method of budgeting that
3 is designed with the purpose of justifying every expenditure
4 within the State budget, regardless of whether the expenditure
5 was included in previous budgets; and

6 WHEREAS, Zero-based budgeting, which requires each
7 activity to be justified on the basis of cost-benefit analysis,
8 assumes that only certain present commitments exist and that no
9 balance is carried forward; zero-based budgeting forces
10 activities and expenditures to be ranked according to priority;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Zero-based budgeting stands in distinct contrast
13 to the traditional Illinois form of budgeting, which projects a
14 spending level based on the previous year's expenditures plus
15 anticipated growth in resources; and

16 WHEREAS, Zero-based budgeting is a method of budgeting that
17 has been embraced and pursued in a bipartisan manner elsewhere
18 as a means of controlling State government spending; and

19 WHEREAS, Illinois has a bill backlog of approximately \$7.5
20 billion and an unfunded pension liability of nearly \$100
21 billion; and

1 WHEREAS, A zero-based budget would force the justification
2 of all appropriations, not just new appropriations, and help
3 guide Illinois out of its fiscal crisis; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we urge Illinois to work towards using a zero-based budget for
7 all future annual budgets; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to all members of the Illinois General Assembly.