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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The federal Patient Protection and Affordable
3 Care Act was signed into law by President Barack Obama on March
4 23, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, The Obama administration has hired thousands of
6 marketers and members of community organizations to educate and
7 assist consumers with the Obamacare enrollment process; and

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WHEREAS, These new government employees tasked with
9 helping consumers understand the law and the insurance coverage
10 provisions in the new health insurance marketplace are known as
11 "navigators"; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has given out more than \$36
13 million in federal taxpayer dollars to dozens of community
14 groups in Illinois to hire temporary workers as navigators; and

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WHEREAS, There are over 1,200 navigators in Illinois, many
16 with no background in health insurance and limited training;
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WHEREAS, Since open enrollment began in October of 2013,
there have been serious questions raised about the
qualifications of navigators and the necessity of the program

1 overall; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we urge the Department of Insurance to conduct a thorough
5 review of the navigator program and its performance in
6 enrolling previously uninsured Illinois citizens; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Department of Insurance report those
9 findings to the General Assembly at the earliest convenience;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 delivered to Illinois Department of Insurance Director Andrew
13 Boron and Governor Pat Quinn.