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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2014, Governor Pat Quinn will address
3 the Illinois General Assembly to outline his proposed budget
4 for Fiscal Year 2015 and a 5-year spending blueprint; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly is tasked with the
6 responsibility of working with the Governor to craft a budget
7 for the upcoming fiscal year that meets the needs of the people
8 of the State of Illinois, while also living within the means of
9 tax revenue collected by the State; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a long and proud history
11 of supporting Illinois veterans through various education and
12 health care programs and assisting veterans that are returning
13 to civilian life; and

14 WHEREAS, The effects of the current economy have left many
15 Illinois veterans with undue hardship and challenges with
16 financial and medical issues; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois veterans have sacrificed greatly on
18 behalf of this State and nation to preserve and defend our way
19 of life; and

20 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility as a State to provide the

1 best possible care to our State's veterans in any way we can;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
4 currently operates 4 Illinois Veterans' Homes in Anna, LaSalle,
5 Manteno, and Quincy that are fully staffed with caring and
6 dedicated professionals who provide quality long-term care to
7 resident members; and

8 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly and the Governor
9 will be crafting a budget that will include the possibility of
10 the expiration of the 2011 income tax increase, which will
11 result in the State having to make serious budget decisions in
12 order to maintain fiscal responsibility; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we urge the Governor and General Assembly to maintain current
16 funding levels to the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
17 for the continued operation of the 4 Illinois Veterans Homes;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That this resolution be referred to as "The
20 Illinois Veterans Home Protection Resolution"; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Governor and all legislative leaders of the
3 General Assembly.