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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations leads a grassroots-led multiethnic human rights alliance, to advance human rights and racial equity issues across the State; and

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WHEREAS, The United Congress led an important effort to educate the General Assembly and the people of the State of Illinois on the issue of prison-based gerrymandering and the need to correct how the State's prisoners are counted for purposes of population; and

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WHEREAS, Various State and federal funds are distributed based on the population of municipality or unit of government; and

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WHEREAS, The communities from where incarcerated individuals come from and return to after prison bear great cost in providing services to these individuals for their reintegration into the community; and

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WHEREAS, The communities from where incarcerated individuals come from must bear these costs without funding that accurately reflects their population; and

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1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has given the Commission on
2 Government Forecasting and Accountability the responsibility
3 of conducting special economic and fiscal studies as it deems
4 appropriate or desirable or as the General Assembly may
5 request; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Commission on
8 Government Forecasting and Accountability is directed to
9 conduct a study examining the fiscal impact realized from
10 transferring an incarcerated individual from his or her
11 physical address of incarceration to their last known physical
12 address prior to incarceration for population purposes; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Corrections and
15 any other agencies or entities having information relevant to
16 this study cooperate fully and promptly with the Commission on
17 Government Forecasting and Accountability; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting
19 and Accountability commence this study and issue their final
20 report to the General Assembly by July 1, 2014.