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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives recognize that there are distressed
4 communities throughout Illinois that struggle with many
5 economic and social problems, including crime, unemployment,
6 poverty, mortgage foreclosures, declining property values,
7 deficiencies in public health services, and deficits in public
8 education; and

9 WHEREAS, In recent years, these economic and social
10 problems have become more prevalent and they have exacerbated
11 existing conditions; it is important to take a comprehensive
12 approach to the ongoing crisis of distressed communities in
13 Illinois; as long as these problems are not successfully
14 addressed, the cost to taxpayers in Illinois will only
15 increase; and

16 WHEREAS, State government resources are expended in
17 ever-increasing amounts to address these social and economic
18 problems, and those expenditures are a significant drain on the
19 State's road to financial stability; there exist numerous ways
20 for State government to be operated more efficiently and more
21 economically; more effective, efficient, and economical ways
22 to raise the overall welfare of the distressed communities can
23 then be replicated, with adjustments as appropriate, to all

1 communities in Illinois; and

2 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's
3 largest and most prominent values-based youth development
4 organizations; the Boy Scouts of America provides a program for
5 young people that builds character, trains them in the
6 responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops
7 personal fitness; for over a century, the Boy Scouts of America
8 has helped build the future leaders of this country by
9 combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun;
10 the Boy Scouts of America believes - and, through over a
11 century of experience, knows - that helping youth is a key to
12 building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive
13 society; and

14 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure
15 Council supplies unit leaders with the knowledge and tools they
16 need to deliver the best possible Scouting program to youth and
17 young adults in the community to prepare them for life;
18 building strong units creates strong districts, a strong
19 council, and a bright future; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pathway to Adventure Council spans 2 states,
21 serves more than 26,000 youth members, and includes over 9,000
22 volunteers, 7 camp properties, and 4 Service Centers; while the
23 Pathway to Adventure Council is new in name, it is rooted in

1 over 100 years of distinguished history, talent, and culture;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America Pathway to Adventure
4 Council is entering a new chapter in the history of its
5 membership; this years's theme is "Ignite the Fun ... Blast
6 into Scouting", and on September 17, 2015, a recruitment drive
7 will be held at elementary schools across the State; therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 commend the Boy Scouts of America on its character and its
12 drive for equality for all Illinois families; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we encourage the utilization of the Boy
14 Scouts of America as an important asset in improving
15 communities during tough economic times when State resources
16 within communities may be lacking; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Boy Scouts of America as an expression of our
19 esteem and respect.