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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, The health and welfare of Illinois' citizens is a 2 3 primary concern of this State; and WHEREAS, Senior citizens have often been the targets of 4 5 financial fraud; and 6 WHEREAS, Being defrauded out of their life savings can 7 cause undue hardship on our senior citizens, their families, 8 and the State of Illinois; and 9 WHEREAS, Discontinued State toll-free telephone numbers 10 have been reassigned to private individuals or companies that 11 fraudulently use the phone numbers' former status to illegally 12 obtain financial information from senior callers who believe 13 they are calling a phone number still assigned to the State of Illinois; and 14 15 WHEREAS, Other vulnerable citizens may also be at risk to fall prey to these types of financial fraud schemes involving 16 17 discontinued State toll-free telephone numbers; and WHEREAS, This problem is beyond the purview of the State of 18 19 Illinois since toll-free telephone numbers are regulated by the

federal government; therefore, be it

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- RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
 urge the federal government to place a temporary embargo or
 increase any current ban on discontinued toll-free telephone
 numbers for 2 years after the federal or state government no
 longer uses the phone number; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Federal Commerce Commission.