

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to  
3 promoting the economic growth and vitality of a thriving  
4 Metro-East city; and

5 WHEREAS, The schools in the city of O'Fallon rank among  
6 the top 10 percent in the country; and

7 WHEREAS, The city of O'Fallon generates sales tax above  
8 the state average; and

9 WHEREAS, The city of O'Fallon has per capita income above  
10 state and national averages; and

11 WHEREAS, The city of O'Fallon is one of the fastest  
12 growing cities in southern Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, The new Illinois legislative map divides the  
14 city of O'Fallon into three state representative and three  
15 state senate districts; and

16 WHEREAS, The southern portion of the city of O'Fallon has  
17 been drawn into the same legislative district as East St.  
18 Louis; and

19 WHEREAS, The City of East St. Louis does not possess any  
20 of the above characteristics and has no common  
21 characteristics with O'Fallon and is plagued with financial,  
22 public safety, education, crime, decreasing population, and  
23 decreasing tax base issues; and

24 WHEREAS, It is impossible for one representative to  
25 effectively represent both East St. Louis and O'Fallon, and  
26 to put both cities in the same legislative district will  
27 deprive both cities of adequate representation; and

28 WHEREAS, The future viability of O'Fallon depends on  
29 strong representation in the Illinois General Assembly; and

1           WHEREAS, A resolution was recently adopted by the  
2           O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce in opposition to the Illinois  
3           legislative map approved by the Illinois Redistricting  
4           Commission; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7           we stand in strong opposition to the Illinois legislative map  
8           approved by the Redistricting Commission; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10          presented to the Director of the Illinois Redistricting  
11          Commission.