

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the public policy of the State of Illinois
3 that all State employees are granted collective bargaining
4 rights as provided in Section 2 of the Illinois Public Labor
5 Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/2); and

6 WHEREAS, On October 19, 1995, the Illinois Supreme Court
7 in AOIC v. Teamsters 726 ruled that the Supreme Court is an
8 employer of court reporters but that the Illinois Public
9 Labor Relations Board could not assert jurisdiction over
10 employees of the Supreme Court; and

11 WHEREAS, Court reporters have been burdened with great
12 workloads as the result of a hiring freeze of Official Court
13 Reporters, resulting in injuries such as repetitive stress
14 and effecting the quality of their work and home lives; and

15 WHEREAS, A collective bargaining agent has petitioned the
16 Illinois Supreme Court on behalf of the court reporters of
17 the Circuit Courts of the State of Illinois to grant
18 voluntary recognition to its union; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 this body encourages and calls upon the Illinois Supreme
22 Court to allow court reporters to enjoy the collective
23 bargaining rights granted to state employees by granting
24 voluntary recognition to their union, as the freely chosen
25 collective bargaining representative of the court reporters
26 in the Circuit Courts of the State of Illinois and further to
27 bargain in good faith with the union on behalf of these
28 employees; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted
30 to the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.