

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article II of the Illinois
3 Constitution provides that the legislative, executive, and
4 judicial branches are separate and that no branch shall
5 exercise powers properly belonging to another; and

6 WHEREAS, Article IV of the Illinois Constitution provides
7 for the creation, organization, and transaction of business
8 in the Illinois General Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the powers granted to the General
10 Assembly in Section IV of the Illinois Constitution is the
11 passage of appropriations bills; and

12 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois faces fiscal difficulties
13 as revenue shortfalls have endangered programs and extended
14 payment cycles to vendors that provide services on behalf of
15 the State of Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has approved a \$350
17 billion package of tax cuts and economic assistance that will
18 be used to help states facing budget difficulties and the
19 legislation has been signed into law by President Bush; and

20 WHEREAS, \$20 billion will be sent to states for economic
21 assistance, including an estimated \$353 million to benefit
22 the Illinois Medicaid program and an additional \$422 million
23 in flexible assistance for Illinois; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we urge the House Human Services Appropriation Committee to
27 meet to discuss the proper budgeting of the funds received as
28 a result of the passage of The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief
29 Reconciliation Act of 2003; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That an accounting of how the funds will be

1 spent should be presented to the House Human Services
2 Appropriation Committee by the Governor's Office of
3 Management and Budget when such a distribution is determined.