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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Most employers have stopped offering traditional  
3 pensions benefits and fewer than half of all workers have not  
4 signed up for a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement  
5 savings plan; and

6 WHEREAS, For nearly two-thirds of the elderly, Social  
7 Security provides the majority of their income; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly half (45 percent) of all Americans believe  
9 that they have not saved enough for retirement; and

10 WHEREAS, Most Americans (60 percent) are worried about  
11 being able to afford health insurance over the next year; and

12 WHEREAS, Over half (53 percent) of American adults report  
13 having to decrease savings and over one-third (37 percent) have  
14 had difficulty paying bills in order to pay for health care  
15 costs; and

16 WHEREAS, Partisan politics and ideological gridlock have  
17 divided our leaders and prevented reasonable, common sense,  
18 balanced solutions; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we stand with AARP's Divided We Fail  
3 effort to amplify the voices of millions of Americans who  
4 believe that health care and lifetime financial security are  
5 the most pressing domestic issues facing our nation; and be it  
6 further

7       RESOLVED, That we stand together to call on every candidate  
8 seeking public office to provide a real plan of action and  
9 commitment to ensuring that all Americans have access to  
10 affordable, quality health care and peace of mind about their  
11 lifetime financial security; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Assembly supports  
13 AARP's Divided We Fail initiative; that we join in their  
14 efforts to generate millions of voices for change; and that we  
15 urge our leaders to deliver action and answers on health care  
16 and lifetime financial security.