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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, According to news media reports there are over  
3 2,000 petitions for Executive Clemency waiting for the  
4 Governor's action; and

5 WHEREAS, The Prisoner Review Board has held hearings and  
6 made recommendations to the Governor regarding each of these  
7 petitions; and

8 WHEREAS, Some of these recommendations have been waiting  
9 for Gubernatorial action for 6 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois is facing a budget crisis in part due to  
11 the number of people incarcerated in Illinois prisons; and

12 WHEREAS, Accepting the recommendations of the Prisoner  
13 Review Board will inevitably reduce the prison population by  
14 some number and reduce costs; and

15 WHEREAS, Some of the petitioners have served their  
16 sentences or been exonerated, but cannot find jobs because of  
17 the lack of action on their petitions; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly requests  
2 that the Governor quickly and without further delay review the  
3 recommendations of the Prisoner Review Board as to petitions  
4 for Executive Clemency in each case, and grant or deny each  
5 petition consistently with his review of each recommendation;  
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 forwarded to the Governor of the State of Illinois.