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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is critically important for job-creation and
3 job-retention that the Illinois Domestic Products Act be
4 observed in the use of public funds for investment in our
5 nation's aging infrastructure, especially in Illinois where
6 manufacturing is essential to the State's economy; and

7 WHEREAS, All State agencies are urged to discourage the
8 outsourcing of manufacturing and the purchasing of products to
9 the detriment of U.S. suppliers, including suppliers located in
10 Illinois servicing those industries and businesses that
11 receive public sector financial assistance; and

12 WHEREAS, Leaders of the National Governors Association
13 (NGA) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCLS)
14 have called on the new administration and Congress to take
15 early action on the severely weakened economy, mired in what is
16 estimated to be the most serious economic downturn in 30 years;
17 the economic downturn is causing high unemployment and
18 accompanying hardships for American workers and their
19 families, including families in Illinois where the
20 unemployment rate is escalating; and

21 WHEREAS, Congress is drafting economic recovery
22 legislation for the President to sign as soon as possible; this

1 "economic stimulus" legislation is expected to channel
2 billions of dollars in state block grants to help economically
3 stressed states take immediate action to initiate significant
4 job creation through massive public works investments to
5 rebuild our nation's aging infrastructure including: roads and
6 accompanying guardrails, utility poles, rest areas,
7 maintenance buildings, highway bridges, energy pipelines, rail
8 and air transportation networks, electrical grid expansion,
9 water and sewerage improvements, environmentally friendly
10 nonresidential renovation, new construction of
11 state-of-the-art schools and hospitals, and other vital
12 infrastructure needs; and

13 WHEREAS, Modernizing and upgrading Illinois' statewide
14 infrastructure system will improve the overall quality of life
15 for all Illinois families, create significant new job
16 opportunities and economic growth, and help revitalize and
17 advance Illinois' manufacturing sector; in Illinois, the
18 manufacturing industries are huge purchasers of State goods and
19 services including the following goods and services: health
20 care, education and training, utility generated electricity,
21 natural gas and alternative fuels, and advanced technology to
22 enhance competitiveness and environmental quality; and

23 WHEREAS, Illinois has taken previous efforts through the
24 Procurement of Domestic Products Act to encourage the use of

1 domestically manufactured products in public works, and it is
2 now critically important that all State agencies do everything
3 possible to enforce these provisions; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 all State agencies are encouraged, whenever possible, to
7 purchase domestically made products for any construction
8 project or other procurement funded by the State; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Procurement Policy Board work
11 with all chief procurement officers to advance the purchase of
12 domestic products, including those made in Illinois, through
13 all necessary means, including collaboration between agencies,
14 the proposal of rules, and the creation of a list of
15 domestically made products commonly procured using State
16 funds; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 delivered to the Illinois Procurement Policy Board, the
19 President of the United States, and all members of the Illinois
20 congressional delegation.