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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, During the 96th General Assembly, The Illinois
3 General Assembly passed House Bill 5095, whose lead sponsors
4 were House Republican Leader Tom Cross and Senator Terry Link;
5 Governor Pat Quinn signed the bill into law on July 22, 2010 as
6 Public Act 96-1167; and

7 WHEREAS, Public Act 96-1167 creates the Illinois
8 Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Act, which provides
9 pedestrians with disabilities with the same rights as other
10 pedestrians to equal access and use of the streets, sidewalks,
11 highways, and walkways of this State; and

12 WHEREAS, The Illinois Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety
13 Act provides that any person who denies or interferes with the
14 rights of a pedestrian with a disability under the Act shall be
15 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor; and

16 WHEREAS, The Illinois Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety
17 Act further provides that an operator of a vehicle shall stop
18 the vehicle before approaching closer than 10 feet to a
19 pedestrian with a disability who is using a mobility device,
20 accompanied by a visibly identifiable service animal, or
21 carrying or using a White cane; the operator shall also take
22 all precautions that may be necessary to avoid an accident or

1 injury to the pedestrian with a disability; any vehicle
2 operator who fails to take such precautions shall be liable for
3 damages for any injury caused to the pedestrian with a
4 disability; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety
6 Act has been widely accepted as a responsible law that should
7 be enforced; and

8 WHEREAS, The fine law enforcement officers of the State of
9 Illinois have an ever-growing body of laws, acts, and
10 regulations to enforce, doing so at the best of their ability
11 and with great honor; and

12 WHEREAS, With the workload already placed upon law
13 enforcement officers, the Illinois Pedestrians with
14 Disabilities Safety Act is often de-prioritized and not always
15 enforced; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we encourage local and state law enforcement agencies in
19 Illinois to educate their law enforcement officers to enforce
20 the Illinois Pedestrians with Disabilities Safety Act to the
21 best of their ability; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we thank all Illinois law enforcement
2 officials for their continued efforts to protect the rights of
3 the disabled; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
5 to the Executive Director of the Illinois Law Enforcement
6 Training Standards Board.