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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A proposed 50% cut in Community Services Block
3 Grant (CSBG) federal funding for local community action
4 agencies, such as Cook County's private, not-for-profit
5 Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA), will
6 seriously damage already scarce community resources and have a
7 devastating impact; and

8 WHEREAS, The economic impact of Community Action Agencies
9 (CAA) extends far beyond a path to self-sufficiency in the
10 communities and municipalities for which service is provided;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Community action programs serve as the major
13 vehicle by which our most vulnerable citizens receive vital
14 services that assist them on the path toward economic
15 stability; community action programs created and retained
16 18,432 jobs over the past two years, of which 525 were created
17 and retained by CEDA; and

18 WHEREAS, CEDA is one of the 1,065 community action agencies
19 in the United States, assisting 240,000 households in Cook
20 County; and

21 WHEREAS, CEDA has a network that includes Head Start

1 centers, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) centers, LIHEAP and
2 Home Weatherization partnerships, and university joint
3 projects, with every CSBG dollar multiplied by 57 times in
4 private and other public funding; and

5 WHEREAS, CEDA manages a multi-million dollar budget,
6 leveraging a \$3.5 million Community Services Block Grant into
7 millions of dollars from non-government sources; and

8 WHEREAS, Full funding of all community action programs,
9 including Community Services Block Grants, will protect jobs
10 for the American economy; and

11 WHEREAS, In his State of the Union Address, President
12 Barack Obama said, "I recognize that some in this chamber have
13 already proposed deeper cuts, and I'm willing to eliminate
14 whatever we can honestly afford to do without. But let's make
15 sure that we're not doing it on the backs of our most
16 vulnerable citizens."; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we strongly urge the members of the United States Congress to
20 fund the Community Services Block Grant program at the Fiscal
21 Year 2010 level; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to President Barack Obama, Chairman of the Senate
3 Appropriations Committee Daniel Inouye, and the members of the
4 Illinois congressional delegation.