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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois currently has approximately
3 421,000 unemployed workers; and

4 WHEREAS, The Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works
5 Act was amended in 2010 by Public Act 96-929 to allow for its
6 implementation by the Illinois Department of Labor; and

7 WHEREAS, The implementation of the Employment of Illinois
8 Workers on Public Works Act will ensure that Illinois residents
9 are being employed on projects using public dollars, helping
10 decrease unemployment in the State; and

11 WHEREAS, In order to implement and enforce the Employment
12 of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, House Resolution 556
13 of the 98th General Assembly authorized the Department of Labor
14 to conduct a study to validate claims that employing Illinois
15 residents for public works projects will decrease the rate of
16 unemployment in the State; and

17 WHEREAS, A study to fulfill this requirement was conducted
18 by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of
19 Labor and Employment Relations; and

20 WHEREAS, This study showed enforcement of the Employment of

1 Illinois Workers on Public Works Act could result in up to
2 8,718 additional construction jobs for Illinois workers,
3 contribute as much as \$1.2 billion to the State's economy, and
4 increase local and State tax revenue by \$11.1 million; and

5 WHEREAS, The Department of Labor has the responsibility to
6 use any means available to enforce the laws passed by the
7 General Assembly; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 enforcement of the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public
11 Works Act by the Illinois Department of Labor furthers a
12 compelling State interest clearly established in the study
13 conducted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
14 School of Labor and Employment Relations on behalf of the
15 Illinois Department of Labor; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Labor is directed
17 to enforce the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works
18 Act in accordance with the provisions of that Act; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Director of the Illinois Department of Labor.