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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, According to the Pew Hispanic Center, there were  
3 11.1 million unauthorized immigrants living in the United  
4 States in 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Deportations have reached record levels under  
6 President Obama, rising to an annual average of nearly 400,000  
7 since 2009; and

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WHEREAS, According to United States Representatives Raul  
9 M. Grijalva and Yvette Clarke, although the Obama  
10 Administration reportedly prioritized deporting only  
11 criminals, many individuals with no serious criminal history  
12 consistently have been deported; and

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WHEREAS, Increased deportations and a continuously broken  
14 immigration system exacerbate the living conditions of United  
15 States citizen children whose parents have been deported; and

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WHEREAS, Separation of children from their parents,  
17 irrespective of immigration status, always results in severe  
18 consequences for young children who are left with no parental  
19 guidance or care and a highly unstable financial situation; and

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WHEREAS, As immigration continues to be at the center of a

1 national debate, President Obama and Congress must implement a  
2 more humanitarian immigration policy that keeps families  
3 together; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is home to over 2 million  
5 immigrants, of which approximately 425,000 to 625,000 are  
6 unauthorized to live in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Many members of Congress recently signed a letter  
8 requesting that President Obama suspend any further  
9 deportations; and

10 WHEREAS, Since Illinois is home to a large number of  
11 unauthorized immigrants from all parts of the world, this state  
12 should make it a priority to keep families together and  
13 continue to press President Obama and Congress for a solution  
14 to our broken federal immigration system; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 urge President Barack Obama to take executive action to suspend  
18 any further deportations of unauthorized individuals with no  
19 serious criminal history; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent  
21 to the President and Vice President of the United States, the

1 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
2 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the members of  
3 the Illinois congressional delegation.