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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has adopted policies to  
3 ensure the health of all Illinoisans with strong stances on  
4 smoke-free policies; and

5           WHEREAS, Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable  
6 death in Illinois, killing 18,300 annually; annual health care  
7 costs in Illinois directly caused by smoking is \$5.49 billion,  
8 and productivity losses in Illinois caused by smoking amount to  
9 \$5.27 billion; and

10           WHEREAS, The Illinois Tobacco Quitline has been funded by  
11 the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement since 2001; the Master  
12 Tobacco Settlement Agreement is the result of a lawsuit  
13 settlement between 46 states and the 4 largest United States  
14 tobacco companies; the settlement was to be used to help states  
15 recoup the billions of dollars spent on tobacco-related health  
16 care costs and to provide tobacco prevention and cessation  
17 services to prevent future tobacco-related health care costs;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, The Illinois Tobacco Quitline has been the  
20 cornerstone of cessation programs in Illinois to help Illinois  
21 residents quit smoking in order to comply with new smoke-free  
22 policies across Illinois; and

1           WHEREAS, The Illinois Tobacco Quitline is the only  
2 statewide cessation program that is available to all residents  
3 regardless of location or socioeconomic status; and

4           WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 2014, the Illinois Tobacco Quitline  
5 answered over 96,000 calls; projections for Fiscal Year 2015  
6 are significantly higher, with 110,000 calls projected; and

7           WHEREAS, Approximately 25% of these calls came from  
8 Medicaid recipients; tobacco-related disease treatment for  
9 Medicaid recipients costs the State nearly \$2 billion annually;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, The Illinois Tobacco Quitline has a very high quit  
12 success rate of 43%, with average cessation programs having a  
13 quit success rate of around 20%; smokers who attempt to quit on  
14 their own have only a 4% to 5% success rate; and

15           WHEREAS, On July 1, 2015, over 60 public college campuses  
16 will become smoke-free across their entire campuses pursuant to  
17 Public Act 98-985; the Illinois Tobacco Quitline is the number  
18 one cessation service offered at each of these campuses to help  
19 faculty, staff, and students to quit; and

20           WHEREAS, Smoke-free policies are second only to cigarette

1 tax increases in encouraging smokers to quit; and

2 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's  
3 "Tips From Former Smokers", a nationwide media campaign that  
4 drives calls to state tobacco quitlines, is currently running  
5 ads that increase the number of calls to the Quitline by 240%;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, All 92 local public health departments across the  
8 State promote the Quitline and refer smokers to the program on  
9 a daily or hourly basis; they also purchase local media to  
10 promote the Quitline; and

11 WHEREAS, Over 500 partners across the State, including  
12 hospitals, doctor's offices, and federally qualified health  
13 centers, refer patients to the Quitline on a daily or hourly  
14 basis; 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 show our support for the Illinois Tobacco Quitline as the  
18 cornerstone of cessation tools for the State of Illinois.