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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, The recent collapse of the Enron Corporation has
- 3 been characterized as the single largest collapse of any
- 4 American corporation in our nation's history; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Illinois is reported to have lost no less than
- 6 33 million dollars in its public pension funds as a result of
- 7 the collapse of the Enron Corporation; and
- 8 WHEREAS, On Friday, February 1, 2002, the Special
- 9 Investigative Committee of the Board of Directors of the
- 10 Enron Corporation delivered its report ("The Report") to the
- 11 Board offering a substantive, detailed and devastating
- 12 critique of the role played by the Company's senior officers,
- 13 directors and outside professional advisors in the Enron
- 14 collapse; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The Report concluded that the Enron Board of
- 16 Directors played a role in facilitating the actions taken by
- 17 Company insiders to engage in transactions that hid Company
- debt and inflated Company earnings, permitted activities that
- 19 were never adequately understood, examined or monitored and
- 20 which led to the lost of tens of millions of dollars from the
- 21 Company, permitted the participation in partnerships that
- 22 created a conflict of interest that led to many of the
- 23 problems that ultimately plagued the Company; and
- 24 WHEREAS, A board of directors is obligated to exercise a
- 25 fiduciary duty to protect public shareholders who invest
- their money in a company's stock; and
- 27 WHEREAS, The Securities and Exchange Commission has the
- 28 Authority under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and
- 29 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, to ask a
- 30 federal district court to issue a substantial unfitness bar
- 31 order; and

- 1 WHEREAS, On February 4, 2002, the American Federation of
- 2 Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations called upon
- 3 the Securities and Exchange Commission to open an
- 4 investigation into whether the directors of the Enror
- 5 Corporation, with the exception of William C. Powers, Jr. and
- 6 Raymond S. Troubh, are substantially fit to serve as either a
- 7 director or officer of another public corporation; therefore,
- 8 be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 11 we call upon the Securities and Exchange Commission to open
- 12 an investigation into whether the directors of the Enron
- 13 Corporation, with the possible exception of William C.
- 14 Powers, Jr. and Raymond S. Troubh, are substantially fit to
- 15 serve as either a director or officer of another public
- 16 corporation; and be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
- 18 to the Securities and Exchange Commission.