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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State of Illinois prescribes a flat, or non-graduated, income tax system be utilized; and

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WHEREAS, In 2020, the General Assembly put the progressive income tax amendment on the 2020 ballot, which would have altered our Constitution and permitted graduated income tax rates and tax increases on all Illinoisans; and

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WHEREAS, The progressive income tax amendment was roundly rejected by Illinoisans in the 2020 election; and

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WHEREAS, Current inflation levels, rising costs, and recession fears are already wreaking havoc on household budgets of Illinoisans across the state; and

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WHEREAS, Illinoisans already have one of the highest total tax burdens in the country; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is currently collecting record sums of revenue; and

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WHEREAS, Since rejecting the progressive income tax amendment in 2020, eight states have transitioned away from a

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1 progressive income tax to a flat, non-graduated income tax;
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3 WHEREAS, In addition to imposing a tax increase through a
4 progressive income tax upon over-taxed Illinoisans, this tax
5 increase would deprive the state of one of the few competitive
6 advantages Illinois has to retain and attract businesses;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we trust the decision Illinoisans made in 2020 when they
11 rejected the path to future tax increases by rejecting and
12 prohibiting the progressive income tax amendment from becoming
13 enacted; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we reject all efforts to raise taxes on
15 Illinoisans by further attempts to change the state's
16 Constitution and transition away from the flat tax to a
17 progressive income tax; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to all Illinois Constitutional Officers, the
20 President and Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, and the
21 Speaker and Minority Leader of the Illinois House of
22 Representatives.