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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Commercial air travel is a critical component of
3 the nation's transportation infrastructure and is relied upon
4 by millions of Americans, including Illinois residents, for
5 employment, education, family responsibilities, military
6 service, medical care, and civic participation; and

7 WHEREAS, Over time, the average physical dimensions of
8 American adults have changed, reflecting broader demographic
9 and public health trends documented by federal agencies and
10 medical professionals; and

11 WHEREAS, During the same period, many commercial airlines
12 have reduced seat width, legroom, and seat pitch in standard
13 economy cabins in order to increase aircraft capacity and
14 revenue, while base fares and ancillary fees have continued to
15 rise; and

16 WHEREAS, These reductions have occurred in the absence of
17 clear, enforceable federal minimum standards governing
18 passenger seating dimensions, leaving consumer comfort,
19 safety, and accessibility largely unprotected; and

20 WHEREAS, Overly restrictive seating conditions can
21 negatively affect passenger health and safety, including

1 increased risk of circulatory issues, musculoskeletal strain,
2 mobility limitations, and heightened discomfort during
3 extended flights; and

4 WHEREAS, Such conditions disproportionately impact
5 seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with temporary
6 injuries, parents traveling with children, veterans, and
7 passengers with medical or mobility-related needs, raising
8 concerns about equity, accessibility, and dignity in air
9 travel; and

10 WHEREAS, Many travelers are effectively required to pay
11 additional fees for modestly increased legroom or seat width
12 simply to travel in reasonable comfort, shifting the cost of
13 basic accommodation onto consumers rather than incorporating
14 it into standard service; and

15 WHEREAS, Transparent, fair, and accessible transportation
16 policy benefits travelers, airlines, and the broader economy
17 by promoting public trust, long-term customer satisfaction,
18 and safe travel conditions; and

19 WHEREAS, Addressing airline seating standards is not a
20 partisan issue, but a matter of consumer protection, public
21 health, disability access, and responsible regulation that
22 balances economic viability with the well-being of the

1 traveling public; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we urge commercial airlines operating in the United States to
5 adopt reasonable minimum passenger seating standards that
6 reflect modern body dimensions and support basic comfort,
7 safety, and mobility for the general public; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we call upon federal aviation and
9 transportation regulators to study and establish minimum
10 standards for seat width, legroom, and pitch informed by
11 public health data, disability access considerations, and
12 passenger safety research; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we encourage airlines to ensure seating
14 practices do not discriminate against or unduly burden
15 passengers with disabilities or health-related needs, and that
16 reasonable accommodation not be treated as a premium add-on
17 fee; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we urge greater pricing and seating
19 transparency, including clear disclosure of seat dimensions
20 and legroom at the time of ticket purchase, so consumers can
21 make informed travel decisions without surprise fees; and be
22 it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to the President of the United States, the United
3 States Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation
4 Administration, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
5 Delegation.