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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Subsection (b) of Section 2 of Article VIII
3 (Finance) of the Constitution of Illinois states the following
4 requirement: "Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed
5 funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during
6 that year."; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is currently operating with
8 no comprehensive budget in place for the previous two fiscal
9 years; concurrently, the legislature has failed to adopt a
10 revenue estimate as is constitutionally mandated in order to
11 allow the budget-making process to proceed; and

12 WHEREAS, Pursuant to the constitutional obligation set
13 forth in Subsection (b) of Section 2 of Article VIII of the
14 Constitution, it is the duty of the Illinois legislature to
15 adopt a revenue estimate for each and every fiscal year in
16 order to have a basis from which to design a budget that is
17 balanced; and

18 WHEREAS, In order to assist the legislature in meeting this
19 end, subsection (a) of Section 4 of the Commission on
20 Government Forecasting and Accountability Act directs the
21 Commission to publish on the third Wednesday in March of each
22 year, revised revenue estimates for the approaching fiscal

1 year; and

2 WHEREAS, For FY 2018, the Commission on Government
3 Forecasting and Accountability provides that Illinois will
4 generate \$33.991 billion, including federal and State sources;
5 with regard to the Subtotal of General Funds generated for FY
6 2018, the Commission reports that the State will have \$31.147
7 billion in total general revenues once allocations are made to
8 the Refund Fund, the Fund for Advancement of Education, and the
9 Commitment to Human Services Fund; and

10 WHEREAS, The Governor's Office of Management and Budget
11 reports in its revenue estimate that for FY 2018, Illinois will
12 generate a total of \$34.401 billion when including total
13 federal and State sources; with regard to the Subtotal of
14 General Funds generated for FY 2018, the Office reports that
15 the State will have \$31.476 billion in total general revenues
16 once allocations are made to the Refund Fund, the Fund for
17 Advancement of Education, and the Commitment to Human Services
18 Fund; the Office has included two key assumptions in the budget
19 book, including \$300 million to be received from the sale of
20 the Thompson Center and \$942 million in the Fund for
21 Advancement of Education and the Commitment to Human Services
22 Fund re-classification under general funds definitions; and

23 WHEREAS, With the estimates provided by the Commission on

1 Government Forecasting and Accountability and the Governor's
2 Office of Management and Budget, the House of Representatives
3 and the Senate have a proper basis from which to adopt a
4 revenue estimate for FY 2018; House Joint Resolution 49, House
5 Joint Resolution 50, and House Joint Resolution 51 of the 100th
6 General Assembly have been filed and contain detailed
7 explanations of the estimates for FY 2018 from both agencies;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the
11 House of Representatives shall adopt a resolution that contains
12 a revenue estimate for FY 2018 that will enable the legislature
13 to devise a budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1,
14 2017, that is congruent and does not exceed the forecasted
15 revenues for FY 2018, thereby meeting the General Assembly's
16 constitutional obligation set forth in subsection (b) of
17 Section 2 of Article VIII of the Illinois Constitution; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That we urge the House of Representatives to
20 adopt House Joint Resolution 49, House Joint Resolution 50, and
21 House Joint Resolution 51 of the 100th General Assembly in
22 order to proceed with the budget-making process; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Speaker of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives, the President of the Illinois Senate, the
4 House Minority Leader, and the Senate Minority Leader.