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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois families currently face one of the  
3 highest tax burdens in the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Illinois consistently ranks among the states with  
5 the highest property tax liabilities, with only New Jersey  
6 having a higher average property tax bill; and

7 WHEREAS, An Illinois homeowner living in a home valued at  
8 \$184,000 (the median home value in the United States) pays  
9 approximately \$4,300; a homeowner living in Wisconsin, by  
10 comparison, pays approximately \$3,600; in Michigan, \$3,200; in  
11 Iowa, \$2,800; in Missouri, \$1,800; and in Indiana and Kentucky,  
12 \$1,600; and

13 WHEREAS, Illinois is losing population; families in  
14 Illinois have been forced to live in a State where their  
15 government appears to only continue finding ways of punishing  
16 its residents with an ever-growing need for raising taxes,  
17 without making an structural changes that seek to stabilize the  
18 out-of-control spending; and

19 WHEREAS, A new proposal is recommending that there be a  
20 state-wide property tax levied on homes, leading to an average  
21 property tax bill increase of 40 percent; and

1           WHEREAS, Such a proposal would, yet again, continue on the  
2 wrong trajectory without any guarantee that services will  
3 improve, the State's crippling debt will be paid, or any  
4 positive benefit will be realized; conversely, such a  
5 state-wide property tax would only cause homeowners to strongly  
6 consider leaving Illinois, as so many have already done in  
7 recent years; Illinoisans deserve better than this; therefore,  
8 be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 stand in staunch opposition to any new state-wide property tax;  
12 and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
14 delivered to the Speaker of the House, the House Minority  
15 Leader, the Senate President, the Senate Minority Leader, and  
16 the Office of the Governor.