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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the State of Illinois to
3 keep communities safe and to encourage crimes to be reported;
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WHEREAS, Through information gathered from law enforcement
6 participation in programs like "Secure Communities", 62% of
7 people targeted have committed no crime or a minor infraction
8 with no serious threat to public safety or national security;
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WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security has been
11 arresting victims of and witnesses to crimes; and

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WHEREAS, There has been a drop in the reporting of violent
13 crimes in the wake of United States Immigration and Customs
14 Enforcement (ICE) targeting the victims and witnesses of crimes
15 due to their immigration status; and

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WHEREAS, The use of State resources for the purpose of
17 enforcing federal immigration law is voluntary; and

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WHEREAS, Restrictions on spending State resources to
19 enforce immigration law does not hinder the prosecution of
20 those who break the law, whatever their immigration status; and

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security issues
2 detainers without probable cause and does not allow for
3 channels for individuals to challenge the detainers; and

4 WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security has issued
5 detainers against U.S. citizens and long-term permanent
6 residents; and

7 WHEREAS, These procedures violate the Fourth and Fifth
8 Amendments of the United States Constitution; and

9 WHEREAS, The federal government will not indemnify the
10 State for costs and liabilities incurred as a result of
11 enforcing federal immigration law; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois is currently suffering through a budget
13 crisis; and

14 WHEREAS, Undocumented immigrants contribute \$758 million
15 dollars in taxes to the State of Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, Six percent of Illinois family households include
17 at least one undocumented immigrant; and

18 WHEREAS, 126,000 families with native born children have at

1 least one undocumented parent; and

2 WHEREAS, The fear of deportation of family members leads
3 children to fear attending school; and

4 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the State of Illinois
5 that children remain in school and receive the best education
6 possible; and

7 WHEREAS, A policy that will encourage children to remain in
8 school and residents to report criminal activity without fear
9 of deportation is beneficial for the health and welfare of the
10 State of Illinois and its residents; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the State of
13 Illinois to cease expending State resources on enforcement of
14 federal immigration law.