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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Neutral Site Custody Exchange Funding Act of
3 the Counties Code, 55 ILCS 82, authorizes any county to
4 establish and maintain a fund to defray the expenses thereof
5 by collecting a fee with a statutory maximum of \$8 per civil
6 case filing; and

7 WHEREAS, Peoria County is charged with making grant
8 disbursements from the fund to one or more qualified
9 not-for-profit organizations for the purpose of providing
10 supervised visitations for the betterment of families in the
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, Peoria County has established a relationship with
13 Crittenton Centers, a not-for-profit child welfare
14 organization serving central Illinois since 1892, to house
15 supervised visits for children and parents to re-establish,
16 maintain, and build relationships; and

17 WHEREAS, Peoria County's neutral site custody exchange
18 fund balance has run an annual deficit for seven (7)
19 consecutive years and will soon become depleted; and

20 WHEREAS, Visitation hours have been reduced to 15.5 hours
21 per week; despite this reduction, the fund is still running an

1 annual deficit; and

2 WHEREAS, Exposure to parental conflict or violence is
3 detrimental to positive child development; and

4 WHEREAS, The visitation center facilitates positive
5 parental contact with children and reduces children's exposure
6 to inter-parental conflict around parenting visitation issues;
7 the program additionally recognizes that children's needs are
8 best met by positive relationships with both the mother and
9 father; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we recognize the importance of and need to maintain healthy
13 families in order to foster strong, stable young people.