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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Whereas, the Covid-19 virus has wreaked havoc across Illinois, and decisions made in response to this crisis have unduly jeopardized the employment status of thousands, left our State's children unable to attend school, and decimated our local economies, causing untold negative impacts in the lives of all residents, including women; and

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WHEREAS, 35 million mothers are part of the United States' workforce; and

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WHEREAS, 58% of high risk occupations are comprised of women; these occupations include teachers, nurses, and doctors; and

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WHEREAS, In the beginning of 2020, before the pandemic struck, women constituted 50.04% of the workforce in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Women in Illinois own 417,000 firms and companies; and

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WHEREAS, Women bear a disproportionate burden of household and childcare tasks; mothers are more likely than fathers to spend an extra 20 hours per week on housework and child care

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1 during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

2 WHEREAS, Unemployment for women during the height of the
3 Covid-19 pandemic reached 15.8%; and

4 WHEREAS, As a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic, 23% of
5 women with children under the age of 10 are considering
6 leaving the workforce, and 18% of women with children of all
7 ages are considering leaving the workforce; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the General
10 Assembly and the Governor to invest the money received through
11 the American Rescue Plan Act to encourage women to return to
12 the work force and to help stimulate the growth of women in the
13 workforce, and particularly, we urge the Child Care Funds be
14 used to help fund child care and make it easily accessible for
15 working mothers.