

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Human Services has the
3 responsibility for subsidizing child care in Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, The Department's practice of recalculating the
5 subsidy when the custodial parent has been called up for
6 active duty by the National Guard using the new guardian's
7 income creates undue hardship for these families; and

8 WHEREAS, The family member or friend is the child's
9 guardian while the parent is serving our country and
10 additional hardship is placed on the individual caring for
11 the child; and

12 WHEREAS, The cost of the subsidy has already been
13 allocated for the child; it is not an additional expense to
14 the Department to leave the subsidy calculation as it was
15 immediately prior to the parent being called up for duty; and

16 WHEREAS, The new guardian is generally the grandparent of
17 the child and is on a fixed income; the added expense for
18 child care creates an additional financial burden on these
19 guardians; and

20 WHEREAS, The increase in the child's subsidy may result
21 in the removal of the child from the program; the child may
22 experience more stress due to being unable to attend the
23 child care setting, which adds more disruption to his or her
24 life; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we urge the Secretary of Human Services of the State of
28 Illinois to review the current practice of calculating child
29 care subsidies to ensure that the children of parents being
30 called up to serve our country through the National Guard
31 will not be hurt by changing the child care subsidy while a

1 parent is in the service; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

3 delivered to the Secretary of Human Services.