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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Department of Central Management Services recently decided to replace Vision Service Plan (VSP) with Spectera as the administrator of the vision care benefit plan for State employees, dependents, and retirees beginning in Fiscal Year 2005; and

WHEREAS, Developing a long-term relationship with a trusted family ophthalmologist or optometrist and a trusted family optician can greatly improve the quality of vision care; however, a move from VSP to Spectera would require some State employees to seek new providers in order to continue to receive in-network services since Spectera would be the only vision care benefit plan choice; and

WHEREAS, Job preservation is a high priority for the State of Illinois; however, a move from VSP to Spectera would adversely affect Illinois jobs and businesses and our State's economy because Spectera would require some providers to use Spectera's dispensing laboratory in Maryland rather than the dispensing laboratories throughout Illinois that are now used by VSP providers; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission reportedly voted on May 18, 2004 to extend the State's contract with VSP for Fiscal Year 2005, and it the Department of Central Management Services has reportedly agreed to reverse its earlier decision and negotiate with VSP for a contract for Fiscal Year 2005; however, this is a matter of continuing concern; and

WHEREAS, All of the consequences of any action taken should be fully considered in determining whether that action is in the best interests of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 urge the Department of Central Management Services to give due
4 consideration to the needs of State employees, retirees, and
5 dependents and the economic needs of the State of Illinois in
6 any decision regarding the selection of the administrator of
7 the vision care benefit plan for State employees and retirees;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
10 Michael M. Rumman, the Director of Central Management Services.