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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois is the fifth largest immigrant receiving
3 state in the U.S., with approximately 20% of the State's
4 population being either foreign-born or children of
5 immigrants; and

6 WHEREAS, Less than 40% of the 1,600,000 immigrants in
7 Illinois are currently U.S. citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly 440,000 immigrants in the State will soon
9 become eligible to become citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, Currently just 32,000 immigrants of the State
11 become U.S. citizens each year; and

12 WHEREAS, The New Americans Initiative was created and
13 designed to (i) directly assist immigrants in Illinois to
14 become U.S. citizens; (ii) encourage immigrants to
15 independently initiate their naturalization process; and (iii)
16 help new citizens participate fully in civic life in Illinois;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Governor to
20 support funding for The New Americans Initiative; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the Governor.