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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, According to a new report from the Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois is missing out on an estimated \$153 million in sales tax revenue on online purchases; and

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WHEREAS, Not taxing internet purchases subsidizes the growth of distant companies by giving them a price advantage over local stores; such companies contribute little to a community's civic and economic vitality; and

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WHEREAS, Such lack of taxation also undermines State and local governments by reducing tax revenue for schools, police, and other government services; the lack of taxes also makes a regressive tax more regressive, due to the fact that only those with Internet access and a credit card are able to take advantage of the tax exemption; and

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WHEREAS, Collecting sales taxes for multiple jurisdictions is no longer as burdensome for internet retailers with the advent of software that makes complying with local sales tax rules relatively simple; and

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WHEREAS, In addition, the National Governors Association has started the Streamlined Sales Tax Project, approved by 43 states, which will help simplify the tax collection process by

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1 establishing uniform sales tax rules and definitions;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 urge the President of the United States and the United States
6 Congress to enact legislation requiring internet retailers to
7 collect sales taxes; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to the President, the Speaker and Minority Leader of
10 the United States House of Representatives, the Majority and
11 Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, and the members
12 of the Illinois congressional delegation.