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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Primary Health Care Association is  
3 the sole trade association representing all of Illinois'  
4 Federally Qualified Health Centers; and

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WHEREAS, Federally Qualified Health Centers are nonprofit,  
6 community-owned and operated health providers serving  
7 uninsured and medically underserved people in our community;  
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WHEREAS, Illinois Federally Qualified Health Centers serve  
10 as the medical home for over 1 million people at more than 300  
11 sites statewide, providing access to primary, dental and mental  
12 health care; and

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WHEREAS, Federally Qualified Health Centers expand access  
14 to affordable, high quality, cost-effective health care to all  
15 people, regardless of ability to pay, and contain health care  
16 costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of  
17 primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education,  
18 translation and other enabling services; and

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WHEREAS, In Illinois, 1.4 million individuals lack access  
20 to health insurance coverage; and

1           WHEREAS, The Illinois Primary Health Care Association has  
2 proposed a plan called "ACCESS ILLINOIS" to provide a medical  
3 home to 2 million insured and uninsured patients by 2015; and

4           WHEREAS, This plan will generate substantial benefits for  
5 the State of Illinois and all its residents; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we fully support the  
8 goals of the Illinois Primary Health Care Association's ACCESS  
9 ILLINOIS plan; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That we stand together to do our part in  
11 preserving, strengthening, and expanding Federally Qualified  
12 Health Centers in our State; and be it further

13          RESOLVED, That the Illinois Senate does hereby recognize  
14 the valued contributions of Federally Qualified Health Centers  
15 in expanding access to health care and improving the health and  
16 well being of the citizens of the great State of Illinois; and  
17 be it further

18          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent  
19 to the Illinois Primary Health Care Association.