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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has 36 Community Action 3 Agencies that provide services in all 102 counties; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Community Action Agencies employ more
than 5,000 full-time staff; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois Community Action Agencies utilize the 7 services of more than 18,000 volunteers, totaling 1.3 million 8 hours of service; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 1981, the Community Services Block Grant 10 remains the foundation funding for Community Action Agencies; 11 and

12 WHEREAS, For every Community Services Block Grant dollar 13 invested, the Illinois Community Action Network leveraged 14 \$5.36 from State, local, and private sources; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2009, the Community Services Block Grant, 16 through the Illinois Community Action Network, helped nearly 17 800,000 individuals move toward economic security; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2010, the Community Services Block Grant 19 created and retained 2,235 jobs through the American Recovery SR0133 -2- LRB097 11059 GRL 52082 r and Reinvestment Act; and

2 WHEREAS, The Community Services Block Grant provides a 3 vital lifeline for Illinoisans in need of assistance for food, 4 housing, job training, medical assistance, and emergency 5 services; therefore, be it

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6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL 7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the positive 8 impact of the Community Services Block Grant in the State of 9 Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we oppose any action by Congress or the 11 President to reduce Community Services Block Grant funding; and 12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be given 14 to the President pro tempore and Secretary of the United States 15 Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 16 Representatives, each member of the Illinois congressional 17 delegation, and the President of the United States.