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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly has approved legal
3 video gaming to help generate economic activity for local
4 established businesses, to create jobs, to reduce illegal
5 gaming activity, and to provide much-needed revenue to local
6 communities and the State budget; and

7 WHEREAS, Video gaming has produced strong growth since its
8 inception in September of 2012 in local economic activity, in
9 jobs created and supported, and in tax revenue for local and
10 State governments; and

11 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has worked closely with the
12 Illinois Gaming Board, the State's regulatory body for gaming
13 issues, to ensure careful scrutiny and oversight of approval
14 and operations of the nearly 5,000 video gaming businesses and
15 more than 20,000 video gaming machines in Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, A proposed new form of video gaming business is
17 generating concern around Illinois, both with policymakers in
18 Springfield and within the video gaming industry; and

19 WHEREAS, News reports have detailed developers' interest
20 in creating "casino malls" in Chicago suburbs where strip malls
21 could be converted to have multiple storefronts with

1 neighboring video gaming establishments packaged together; and

2 WHEREAS, While proponents argue these "casino malls" could
3 generate more economic activity and revenue, there are
4 legitimate concerns about these malls shifting video gaming
5 away from its intended purpose of main street community
6 entertainment for bars, restaurants, and other local
7 businesses; and

8 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly did not envision
9 allowing these types of malls in legalizing video gaming
10 originally and is not interested in seeing this type of
11 activity authorized in Illinois; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 urge the Illinois Gaming Board to issue a report to the General
15 Assembly stating the reasons that the Board refuses to grant
16 video gaming licenses to "casino malls"; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 delivered to the Chairman of the Illinois Gaming Board.