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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, During the Great Recession, the needs of Illinois
3 children, families, and communities grew at the same time that
4 our State was losing the necessary resources to help them; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 2009, the State of Illinois has consistently
6 disinvested in working families and communities, cutting
7 funding for vital services that strengthen low-and
8 middle-income working families; and

9 WHEREAS, Relying on funding cuts to shore up our State's
10 finances hurts children and families who are struggling to
11 remain afloat and destabilizes programs like home care for
12 seniors and people with disabilities, child care, and other
13 critical support for middle class families; and

14 WHEREAS, Instead of cuts to funding, we must secure the
15 revenue we need for a responsible budget that invests in
16 programs that meet the needs of children, families,
17 communities, and businesses; and

18 WHEREAS, Failing to pass a fully funded year-long budget
19 for Fiscal Year 2016 has meant cutting programs that stabilize
20 children, families, local governments, and businesses,
21 including, but not limited to, social services for children,

1 care for people who suffer from mental illness, programs to
2 assist homebound seniors and people with disabilities, infant
3 mortality prevention programs, environmental protection and
4 conservation police, services for victims of sexual violence,
5 breast and cervical cancer screenings, supportive housing
6 programs, afterschool programs for kids, immigrant services,
7 community colleges and universities, financial aid and
8 scholarship for college students, and job training; and

9 WHEREAS, At the same time, every day that goes by without a
10 Fiscal Year 2016 budget means that Illinois continues to add to
11 its unpaid bills, further harming our economy and making
12 Illinois a less desirable place to live and do business; and

13 WHEREAS, Illinois' outdated tax system has painted us into
14 a box, preventing us from moving forward to invest in shared
15 priorities; Illinois must modernize and reform the tax code to
16 reflect our changing economy and ensure fairness in raising
17 revenue to fund current and future investments; a modern tax
18 code ensures that corporations and millionaires join low and
19 middle-income families in paying their fair share; and

20 WHEREAS, When we modernize and reform our tax code, commit
21 to fairness in raising revenue, and commit to investing in
22 shared priorities, our children, families, communities, and
23 small businesses will finally experience economic growth and

1 prosperity; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 urge the members of the General Assembly to work together to
5 modernize and reform the tax code and to immediately pass a
6 Fiscal Year 2016 budget that will stabilize the lives of
7 Illinois' children, families, communities, and businesses.