

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Since Social Security numbers were introduced in
3 1934 to track employee earnings records, the nine-digit code
4 has almost become a national identification number; and

5 WHEREAS, Numerous government agencies, organizations, and
6 businesses, from Girl Scout troops to credit agencies,
7 require or request Social Security numbers; and

8 WHEREAS, Social Security numbers are widely used as the
9 key to a storehouse of personal and private information; and

10 WHEREAS, Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in
11 the nation; in 1999, allegations of identity theft using
12 Social Security numbers more than doubled, from 26,531 to
13 62,000 cases; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we urge the Attorney General of the State of Illinois to
17 review the practice of requiring or requesting the disclosure
18 of Social Security numbers to apply for or renew a license or
19 permit issued by the State; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 delivered to the Attorney General.