

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Governors State University master's degree
3 in social work program has been denied candidacy for
4 accreditation twice by the Council on Social Work Education;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has invested significant
7 funding in program development and students' tuition for the
8 program; and

9 WHEREAS, Accreditation denials have adversely affected
10 some 77 students enrolled in the program; and

11 WHEREAS, Numerous constituents of members of the General
12 Assembly have voiced concerns; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 the Board of Higher Education shall conduct an inquiry into
16 the issues surrounding the master's degree in social work at
17 Governors State University, including at least one public
18 hearing related to this topic; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That this inquiry should examine the reasons
20 that candidacy for accreditation of the program was denied,
21 efforts by the University to address the reasons for denial,
22 and the extent to which students were fully informed as to
23 the status of the program and should examine and explore
24 options to address the needs of the 77 affected students; and
25 be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education report to
27 the General Assembly by March 15, 2001, recommending actions
28 to be taken to address issues related to accreditation,

1 reporting student concerns resulting from the denial of
2 accreditation, and recommending action to avoid such
3 occurrences at any public university in the future; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 delivered to the Board of Higher Education.