WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States is the blue print for the oldest and strongest democratic government in the world; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of Illinois continue to uphold the principles of liberty and democracy, and to support the striving others in pursuit of those ideals; and

WHEREAS, The more than one half million citizens of the District of Columbia are disenfranchised and are unique in that they lack voting representation in the United States Congress while proudly and willingly shouldering the full responsibilities of the United States citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This disenfranchisement of the citizens of the Nation's Capitol is contrary to the spirit of liberty and democracy and absolutely in violation of the values on which the United States was founded; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the people of the State it represents hereby voice their support for the citizens of the District of Columbia and for the principle that all American citizens shall elect and be represented by voting representatives in the national legislature; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the District of Columbia, like citizens from any state, should have the right to elect representatives to both houses of the United States Congress; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage legislatures throughout this nation to express support for the people of the District of Columbia in their campaign to right an historic wrong and realize fully the promise of American democracy; and be it further
RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.