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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has identified the need to create a local, sustainable, accessible, fair, and healthy food system in order to provide healthy food choices in State-funded facilities; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to improving the health of all its residents and to promoting a safe, healthy, and fair work environment for its workforce; and

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WHEREAS, The Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) was developed in 2012 to provide an incentive to public institutions to procure Good Food produced through values-driven purchasing standards; and

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WHEREAS, GFPP defines Good Food as food that is healthy, affordable, fair, and sustainable and is produced, processed, distributed, and recycled locally using the principles of environmental stewardship, meets the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and is available to purchase for all income levels; and

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WHEREAS, Good Food values prioritize nutrition, affordability, locality, and sustainable production practices, including sound environmental practices, fair prices for

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1 producers, safe and fair working conditions for employees, and
2 humane conditions for animals; and

3 WHEREAS, All participants in the GFPP food supply chain
4 receive fair compensation and fair treatment and are free from
5 exploitation; and

6 WHEREAS, Good Food Purchasing refers to the sourcing and
7 purchasing of foods and beverages and food and beverage service
8 contracts procured by the State of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, In practicing Good Food Purchasing policies, the
10 State of Illinois will help support a regional food system that
11 is ecologically sound, economically viable, and racially and
12 socially equitable and has an impact on the availability of
13 local, sustainable food; and

14 WHEREAS, It is recognized that the significant buying power
15 of public institutions across the country can reform the food
16 system, create opportunities for smaller farmers and
17 low-income entrepreneurs to thrive, provide just compensation
18 and fair treatment for food chain workers, support sustainable
19 farming practices, reward good environmental stewardship, and
20 increase access to fresh and healthy foods; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
2 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we embrace the principles of the
3 Good Food Purchasing Program as a strategy to help improve our
4 region's food system through the adoption and implementation of
5 Good Food Purchasing Standards; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That there is created the Illinois Good Food
7 Purchasing Policy Task Force to study the current procurement
8 of food within the State and explore how Good Food Purchasing
9 can be implemented to maximize the procurement of healthy foods
10 that are sustainably, locally, and equitably sourced; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
13 following members, who shall serve without compensation:

- 14 (1) The Lieutenant Governor or his or her designee;
- 15 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or his
16 or her designee;
- 17 (3) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
18 or his or her designee;
- 19 (4) The Senate President or his or her designee;
- 20 (5) The Senate Minority Leader or his or her designee;
- 21 (6) One member nominated by a statewide local food
22 advocacy organization and appointed by the Speaker of the
23 House;
- 24 (7) One member nominated by a national multi-sector

1 food advocacy organization and appointed by the Speaker of
2 the House;

3 (8) One member nominated by a Chicago-based food
4 advocacy organization and appointed by the Minority Leader
5 of the House;

6 (9) One member nominated by a statewide environmental
7 advocacy organization and appointed by the Senate
8 President;

9 (10) One member nominated by a statewide labor
10 organization that represents food workers and appointed by
11 the Senate Minority Leader;

12 (11) One member nominated by a national farm-animal
13 welfare organization and appointed by the Senate
14 President;

15 (12) The Director of the Department of Commerce and
16 Economic Opportunity or his or her designee;

17 (13) The Director of the Environmental Protection
18 Agency or his or her designee;

19 (14) The Director of the Department of Public Health or
20 his or her designee;

21 (15) The Director of the Department of Natural
22 Resources or his or her designee;

23 (16) The Chief Procurement Officer for General
24 Services or his or her designee;

25 (17) The Chief Procurement Officer for Higher
26 Education or his or her designee;

1 (18) The Chief Procurement Officer for the Secretary of
2 State's Office or his or her designee;

3 (19) The Chief Procurement Officer for the Department
4 of Corrections or his or her designee;

5 (20) The Chief Procurement Officer for the Department
6 of Human Services or his or her designee;

7 (21) The Chief Procurement Officer for Central
8 Management Services or his or her designee; and

9 (22) The Director of the Department of Agriculture or
10 his or her designee; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Department of Agriculture shall provide
12 administrative support for the Task Force; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Task Force members shall select a
14 chairperson at the first meeting; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report
16 to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than January
17 1, 2021 and is dissolved upon the filing of the report.