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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, All aspects of transportation in the State of  
3 Illinois and throughout the United States are in need of  
4 serious infrastructure improvements; and

5           WHEREAS, Passenger rail and freight transportation has  
6 become a topic of serious debate when it comes to the  
7 conditions of railroad tracks and bridges on which trains  
8 travel; and

9           WHEREAS, It is of utter importance that the State of  
10 Illinois and the United States strive to improve the  
11 infrastructure on which these trains travel; and

12           WHEREAS, With the infrastructure of railroad tracks and  
13 bridges needing repair, it is necessary to identify the tracks  
14 and bridges that are in serious need of repair so that  
15 construction can be done to ensure the safety of passengers and  
16 travel of freight trains; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 there is created the Task Force on Railroad and Bridge  
20 Infrastructure, consisting of members appointed as follows:  
21 the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives or his or

1 her designee; the Minority Leader of the Illinois House of  
2 Representatives or his or her designee; the Illinois Secretary  
3 of Transportation or his or her designee; the Executive  
4 Director of the Regional Transportation Authority or his or her  
5 designee; the Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board or his or  
6 her designee; the Chairman of Metra or his or her designee; and  
7 a member representing freight rail service to be appointed by  
8 the chair of the task force; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the Task Force can appoint members as it  
10 determines to serve as representatives of passenger and freight  
11 transportation entities or other concerned parties; the Task  
12 Force may request assistance from any entity necessary or  
13 useful for the performance of its duties; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall conduct in-depth  
15 research to identify the railroad tracks and bridges that are  
16 in need of repair so that the necessary infrastructure repairs  
17 can be done; and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That the Illinois Secretary of Transportation  
19 shall serve as the chair of the Task Force; the Task Force  
20 shall meet at the call of the chair; the members of the Task  
21 Force shall serve without compensation; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation

1 shall provide staffing support to the Task Force and shall  
2 administer and prepare all reports deemed necessary in  
3 conjunction with the Task Force; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall issue a report with its  
5 recommendations to the members of the Illinois House of  
6 Representatives on or before December 31, 2013.