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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment Nos. 1 & 7)

3 WHEREAS, Emergency responders are constantly placed in
4 danger while performing their duties, both from the dangerous
5 conditions of their work and the hazardous locations where
6 incidents occur; and

7 WHEREAS, On March 5, 2013, Hudson Community Fire Protection
8 District volunteer firefighter Chris Brown was struck and
9 killed by a motorist while working at the scene of a motor
10 vehicle collision; and

11 WHEREAS, On October 30, 2013, Pontiac Police Department K9
12 Officer Casey Kohlmeier was struck and killed by a drunk driver
13 while performing his duties on Interstate 55; and

14 WHEREAS, Many other emergency responders have been killed,
15 injured, or placed in needless danger by similar incidents; and

16 WHEREAS, More comprehensive solutions are required to
17 ensure that emergency responders are able to safely perform the
18 vital duties they carry out for the citizens of our State;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Emergency
3 Responder Roadway Safety Task Force to identify and recommend
4 ways that the State of Illinois can increase the safety of
5 emergency responders while they perform their duties; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
8 following members: one member appointed by the Speaker of the
9 House of Representatives; one member appointed by the Minority
10 Leader of the House of Representatives; one member appointed by
11 the President of the Senate; one member appointed by the
12 Minority Leader of the Senate; 2 members appointed by the
13 Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, one of
14 which must be currently employed as a highway maintainer with
15 the Illinois Department of Transportation; one member
16 appointed by the Director of the Illinois State Police; one
17 police officer from a county with a population of less than
18 60,000 citizens appointed by an association that represents law
19 enforcement; one police officer from a county with a population
20 between 60,000 and 1,000,000 citizens appointed by an
21 association that represents law enforcement; one police
22 officer from a county with a population of more than 1,000,000
23 citizens appointed by an association that represents law
24 enforcement; one firefighter from a county with a population of
25 less than 60,000 citizens appointed by an association that

1 represents firefighters; one firefighter from a county with a
2 population between 60,000 and 1,000,000 citizens appointed by
3 an association that represents firefighters; one firefighter
4 from a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 citizens
5 appointed by an association that represents firefighters; one
6 emergency medical services personnel from a county with a
7 population of less than 60,000 citizens appointed by an
8 association that represents emergency medical services
9 personnel; one emergency medical services personnel from a
10 county with a population between 60,000 and 1,000,000 citizens
11 appointed by an association that represents emergency medical
12 services personnel; one emergency medical services personnel
13 from a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 citizens
14 appointed by an association that represents emergency medical
15 services personnel; one member appointed by the Executive
16 Director of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; and one
17 member appointed by the Professional Towing and Recovery
18 Operators of Illinois; the members of the Task Force shall
19 select a chairperson at the initial meeting; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Police shall provide
21 administrative and other support to the Task Force; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
24 without compensation; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report of its
2 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later
3 than January 1, 2015.