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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, GFPP defines Good Food as food that is healthy,
14 affordable, fair, and sustainable and is produced, processed,
15 and distributed locally using the principles of environmental
16 stewardship and meets the Dietary Guidelines for Americans;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Good Food values prioritize nutrition,
19 affordability, locality, and sustainable production practices,
20 including sound environmental practices, fair prices for
21 producers, safe and fair working conditions for employees, and

1 humane conditions for animals; and

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

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

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

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

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

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

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

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall distribute a survey to
13 State agencies and State-owned facilities that purchase food,
14 including, but not limited to, facilities for persons with
15 mental health challenges and developmental disabilities,
16 correctional facilities, and public institutions of higher
17 education; such survey shall solicit information on current
18 food procurement practices, including, but not limited to: (1)
19 total annual food spending, (2) number and description of food
20 service programs, (3) number and physical description of
21 physical food service sites, (4) procurement method(s) and any
22 potential barriers to aligning procurement with the Good Food
23 Purchasing Program using such methods, (5) food service
24 operational model (i.e. Food Service Management Company, self-

1 operation, or self-operation with some vended food), and (6)
2 current procurement calendar; State agencies and State-owned
3 facilities shall complete the survey in a timely manner; and
4 be it further

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

7 (1) The Lieutenant Governor or his or her designee;

8 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or his
9 or her designee;

10 (3) The Minority Leader of the House of
11 Representatives or his or her designee;

12 (4) The Senate President or his or her designee;

13 (5) The Senate Minority Leader or his or her designee;

14 (6) One member nominated by a statewide local food
15 advocacy organization appointed by the Lt. Governor;

16 (7) One member nominated by a national multi-sector
17 food advocacy organization appointed by the Lt. Governor;

18 (8) One member nominated by a Chicago-based food
19 advocacy organization appointed by the Lt. Governor;

20 (9) One member nominated by a statewide environmental
21 advocacy organization appointed by the Lt. Governor;

22 (10) One member nominated by a statewide labor
23 organization that represents food workers appointed by the
24 Lt. Governor;

25 (11) One member nominated by a national farm-animal

1 welfare organization appointed by the Lt. Governor;

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

4 (13) The Director of the Environmental Protection
5 Agency or his or her designee;

6 (14) The Director of the Department of Public Health
7 or his or her designee;

8 (15) The Director of the Department of Natural
9 Resources or his or her designee;

10 (16) The Chief Procurement Officer for General
11 Services or his or her designee;

12 (17) The Chief Procurement Officer for Higher
13 Education or his or her designee;

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

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

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

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

22 (22) The Director of the Department of Agriculture or
23 his or her designee;

24 (23) One member nominated by a statewide organization
25 that advocates for healthy nutrition appointed by the Lt.
26 Governor;

1 (24) One member nominated by a statewide coalition
2 that advocates for a just State food system appointed by
3 the Lt. Governor; and

4 (25) Two members nominated by an association that
5 advocates on behalf of farmers appointed by the Lt.
6 Governor; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That if a vacancy occurs in the Task Force
8 membership, it shall be filled in the same manner as the
9 original appointments; and be it further

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

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

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force's final report shall include
16 a summary of results from the above-described survey and
17 recommendations for one to three State agencies or State-owned
18 facilities, or programs of such agencies or facilities, that
19 are well-positioned to participate in Good Food Purchasing
20 pilot programs, including detailed survey results from such
21 agencies or facilities; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final
2 report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than
3 December 31, 2026 and is dissolved upon the filing of its final
4 report.