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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Horseback riding is a recreational pastime that is
3 enjoyed by many citizens in Illinois and the United States and
4 it should be widely available to as many members of the public
5 who wish to participate; and

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WHEREAS, The expansion of bridle paths in Illinois is
7 necessary to further promote this recreational pastime; and

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WHEREAS, Open space and land areas can be utilized to
9 create bridle paths; and

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WHEREAS, This expansion will also aid in the economic
11 development of Illinois; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is hereby created the
15 Recreational Bridle Path Task Force to study, assess, and make
16 recommendations on the existing bridle paths in Illinois and
17 the feasibility of creating additional paths, specifically in
18 State parks; in addition, the Task Force shall recommend any
19 necessary legislation for the creation of new bridle paths; and
20 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That within 90 days after the adoption of this
2 resolution, members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the
3 Governor and shall consist of one member from each of the
4 following agencies or interest groups:

5 (1) the Department of Natural Resources;

6 (2) the Department of Transportation;

7 (3) the Department of Agriculture;

8 (4) the Horsemen's Council of Illinois; and

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10 (5) an entity or association which has vested interests
11 in areas where paths exist or may exist, including, but not
12 limited to, bridle paths, bicycle paths, and ATV paths; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That within 90 days after the adoption of this
15 resolution, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of
16 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
17 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each
18 appoint one member from an entity or association which has
19 vested interests in areas where paths exist or may exist,
20 including, but not limited to, bridle paths, bicycle paths, and
21 ATV paths; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the term of the appointment shall be until
2 submission of the report of comprehensive recommendations; the
3 member from the Department of Natural Resources shall chair the
4 Task Force and serve as a liaison to the Governor and General
5 Assembly; meetings of the Task Force shall be held as necessary
6 to complete the duties of the Task Force; meetings of the Task
7 Force shall be held in the central part of the State; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources shall
10 provide administrative support, technical assistance, and
11 meeting space to the Task Force; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall receive
13 no compensation for serving; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report with
15 comprehensive recommendations to the Governor and General
16 Assembly no later than December 31, 2017.