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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The average American teenager is exposed to nine  
3 hours of media a day, excluding school and homework; and

4 WHEREAS, Half of younger adults live in a household with  
5 three or more smartphones; more than nine in ten 18 to  
6 29-year-olds (96%) say they live in a household with at least  
7 one smartphone, and 51% of young adults say their home contains  
8 three or more such devices; and

9 WHEREAS, On a typical day, 8-18 year olds spend  
10 approximately 4.39 hours viewing television, 2.31 hours  
11 listening to music, 1.29 hours using computers, and 1.13 hours  
12 playing video games; and

13 WHEREAS, Consumption of certain media content by youth has  
14 been linked to issues such as self-esteem and body image,  
15 suggesting that young people lack the skills to be critical of  
16 media; and

17 WHEREAS, Studies indicate youth lack some basic media  
18 literacy skills; in one recent global study, U.S. millennials  
19 ranked last or in the bottom 50% out of 22 countries for  
20 numeracy, literacy, and problem-solving skills; therefore, be  
21 it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Illinois  
4 Media Literacy Task Force whose purpose is the following:

5           (1) To assess the media habits of Illinois youth;

6           (2) To identify the influence of media on Illinois  
7 youth in the State of Illinois, specifically focusing on  
8 mental, emotional, and physical health;

9           (3) To identify the key factors in building a strong  
10 competency in media literacy among Illinois youth, K-12;

11           (4) To identify already existing models around the  
12 country that create public education curricula for media  
13 literacy; and

14           (5) To identify existing legislation around the  
15 country that attempts to resolve the implications  
16 specified by this Task force; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the  
18 following members:

19           (1) The Governor, or his or her designee, who will  
20 serve as Chair;

21           (2) The Secretary of the Illinois State Board of  
22 Education, or his or her designee;

23           (3) Two members of the House of Representatives, one  
24 appointed by the Speaker and one by the Minority Leader;

1           (4) Two members of the Senate, one appointed by the  
2           President and one by the Minority Leader; and

3           (5) Four members appointed by the Governor, or his or  
4           her designee, who are residents of the State of Illinois  
5           and represent public and private organizations who have  
6           experience in (1) statewide curriculum building for public  
7           education programs, (2) researching and implementing  
8           substantive findings in media literacy, (3) pediatrics and  
9           the impact of technology and media on youth, and (4) policy  
10          advocates who have experience in developing legislative  
11          responses to community issues; and be it further

12          RESOLVED, That the Task Force members shall serve without  
13          compensation; if a vacancy occurs, a replacement shall be  
14          appointed by the Chair of the Task Force; and be it further

15          RESOLVED, That the Task Force will have four scheduled  
16          meetings, but otherwise shall meet at the call of the Chair;  
17          and be it further

18          RESOLVED, That in addition to whatever policies or  
19          procedures it may adopt, all operations of the Task Force will  
20          be subject to the provision of the Illinois Freedom of  
21          Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) and the Illinois Open  
22          Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.); and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Board of Education shall  
2 provide administrative support; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That the report filed with the General Assembly  
4 shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives  
5 and the Secretary of the Senate in electronic form only, in the  
6 manner that the Clerk and Secretary shall direct; and be it  
7 further

8           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report  
9 to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2019, and  
10 upon the filing of its report, the Task Force is dissolved.