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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Illinois have been
3 subjected to an ever increasing number of criminal
4 investigations of its elected officials in the last decade, as
5 well as over its long history; and

6 WHEREAS, Public officials serving the citizens of Illinois
7 should be held to a higher ethical standard; and

8 WHEREAS, There is a strong need to ensure that public
9 officials operate in an ethical manner and that the citizens'
10 trust in its officials is restored; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the State Ethics Task Force is
14 created to address corruption within Illinois government by
15 doing the following:

- 16 (1) Identifying key areas of concern;
- 17 (2) Reviewing current laws and rules for legislators,
18 lobbyists, and State personnel;
- 19 (3) Studying best practices implemented by other state
20 governments; and
- 21 (4) Identifying legislative changes necessary to
22 increase transparency, tighten ethics and financial rules,

1 and improve the public's trust in State government; be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
4 following members:

5 (1) One member of the Governor's staff or the Lt.
6 Governor appointed by the Governor;

7 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

9 (3) Two members of the House of Representatives
10 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
11 Representatives;

12 (4) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
13 President of the Senate; and

14 (5) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Minority
15 Leader of the Senate; be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the members of the House of Representatives
17 and of the Senate that are appointed to the Task Force may not
18 be a current appointment to the Legislative Ethics Commission;
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
21 without compensation and shall elect one co-chair from each
22 political party; be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Ethics Commission shall
2 provide staffing and administrative support to the Task Force
3 as needed; be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet a minimum of four
5 times before issuing its report but otherwise shall meet at the
6 call of the two co-chairs; be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall take a roll call for
8 each meeting and take written minutes of the proceedings; be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall issue its final report
11 to the Governor and General Assembly within 90 days following
12 the passage of this joint resolution but no later than the end
13 of the 101st General Assembly, and, upon the filing of its
14 final report, the Task Force is dissolved.