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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Subsection (b) of Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act requires that the Legislative Ethics Commission shall diligently search out qualified candidates for the office of Legislative Inspector General and make recommendations to the General Assembly, which shall appoint a Legislative Inspector General by joint resolution; and

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WHEREAS, Subsection (b) of Section 25-10 further states that the Legislative Inspector General shall be selected solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability and sets forth the necessary educational and employment criteria; and

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WHEREAS, The Legislative Ethics Commission at its December 2018 meeting voted unanimously to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Carol M. Pope as Legislative Inspector General; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Pope has led an exemplary career of public service that more than qualifies her to serve as the Legislative Inspector General; and

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WHEREAS, A native of Illinois, Justice Pope was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1979 and has dedicated her professional

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1 life to work that has demonstrated her practical commitment to  
2 integrity time and again; and

3 WHEREAS, After clerking for the chief judge of the United  
4 States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, she  
5 served as Menard County State's Attorney from 1984 to 1991; and

6 WHEREAS, Recognizing her ability, the Illinois Supreme  
7 Court appointed her to serve as a circuit judge of the Eighth  
8 Judicial Circuit, a post the voters elected her to in 1992 and  
9 re-elected her to in 1998, 2004, and 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, While still a circuit judge, the Illinois Supreme  
11 Court assigned Justice Pope to serve on the appellate court of  
12 the Fourth Judicial District in 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, Justice Pope was elected an appellate judge of the  
14 Fourth Judicial District in her own right in 2012 and retired  
15 from the appellate court in 2018; and

16 WHEREAS, Justice Pope's extensive history of experience,  
17 appointments, professional activities, and publications  
18 uniquely qualifies her for the position of Legislative  
19 Inspector General, an office that necessitates both keen  
20 intellect and insight into the personal and professional  
21 motivations of persons acting in the public realm; and

1           WHEREAS, Justice Pope continues to demonstrate her  
2           commitment to integrity in public service as a member of the  
3           Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee, providing ethics advice to  
4           judges throughout Illinois; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
6           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7           CONCURRING HEREIN, that we appoint Carol M. Pope as Legislative  
8           Inspector General in accordance with subsection (b) of Section  
9           25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,  
10          endorsing her wholeheartedly as surpassing all statutory  
11          requirements and in full confidence that her character and  
12          integrity will enhance the office of Legislative Inspector  
13          General and benefit the administration of the ethical  
14          foundation on which Illinois legislators and legislative  
15          employees operate; and be it further

16          RESOLVED, That, in accordance with subsection (b) of  
17          Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,  
18          the appointment of Carol M. Pope takes effect upon the adoption  
19          of this joint resolution by the affirmative vote of  
20          three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the  
21          General Assembly, the certification of this joint resolution by  
22          the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
23          of the Senate, and the filing of this joint resolution with the

1 Secretary of State or March 1, 2019, whichever is later; and be  
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with subsection (b) of  
4 Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,  
5 the term of Legislative Inspector General Pope shall run  
6 through June 30, 2023; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to  
8 Carol M. Pope and the Legislative Ethics Commission.