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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The last four decades have represented a period  
3 of significant demographic change in the United States; now  
4 more than ever, Black immigrants compose a significant  
5 percentage of both the immigrant and Black populations in the  
6 U.S. overall; and

7 WHEREAS, Black immigrants face disproportionate  
8 interactions with the criminal justice system and encounter  
9 more discrimination based on their race as well as immigrant  
10 status; just as African Americans suffer disproportionately  
11 high arrest, prosecution, and incarceration rates, so too are  
12 Black immigrants, despite no evidence that they engage in more  
13 criminalized activities in comparison to any other racial  
14 group; Black immigrants are also disproportionately affected  
15 by the compounding impact of the immigration enforcement  
16 system, where numerous federal agencies and programs work in  
17 conjunction with local law enforcement to criminalize, detain,  
18 and deport immigrants; these disparities in policy and law  
19 concerning Black immigrants are rooted in racism and unjustly  
20 target Black immigrants at all stages of the process; and

21 WHEREAS, The Biden Administration has pledged to develop a  
22 pathway to lawful permanent status for undocumented  
23 immigrants, but advocates are asking how President Biden will

1 address the overall plight of Black immigrants; and

2 WHEREAS, As the number of Black immigrants living in the  
3 United States continues to rise, debates around immigration  
4 must acknowledge and rectify the injustice inherent in the  
5 system; and

6 WHEREAS, There is much work to be done to address the  
7 struggles of Black immigrants, who have been left out of  
8 policy decisions for too long; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to protecting  
10 Black immigrants; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Task Force on Black  
14 Immigrants is created and charged with the task of studying  
15 the state of Black immigrants in Illinois and providing  
16 recommendations on how to assist them; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the  
18 following 16 members, who shall serve without compensation:

19 (1) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House,  
20 who shall serve as co-chair;

21 (2) One member appointed by the Senate President, who

1 shall serve as co-chair;

2 (3) One member appointed by the House Minority Leader;

3 (4) One member appointed by the Senate Minority  
4 Leader;

5 (5) One member appointed by the Chair of the House  
6 Black Caucus;

7 (6) One member appointed by the Chair of the Senate  
8 Black Caucus;

9 (7) One member appointed by Governor;

10 (8) One member appointed by the Lt. Governor;

11 (9) The Director of the Department of Human Rights or  
12 his or her designee;

13 (10) The Director of the Department of Human Services  
14 or his or her designee;

15 (11) Three members representing diplomatic missions  
16 and trade organizations that serve Black immigrants,  
17 appointed by the Governor;

18 (12) Two members from an organization dedicated to  
19 defending the rights and improving the quality of life for  
20 immigrants, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

21 (13) One member from a organization dedicated to  
22 improving the quality of life for African Americans in the  
23 State of Illinois, appointed by the Senate President; and  
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Department of Human Rights shall

1 provide administrative support for the Task Force; and be it  
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet at the call of the  
4 co-chairs; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final  
6 report to the General Assembly no later than December 31,  
7 2024, and upon the filing of the report, is dissolved.