



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Subsection (b) of Section 25-10 of the State
3 Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/25-10) requires
4 that the Legislative Ethics Commission shall diligently search
5 out qualified candidates for the Legislative Inspector General
6 and make recommendations to the General Assembly, which shall
7 appoint a Legislative Inspector General by joint resolution;
8 and

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

13 WHEREAS, The Legislative Ethics Commission has nominated
14 Mr. Thomas J. Homer for appointment as Legislative Inspector
15 General by its Legislative Ethics Commission Resolution 2004-1
16 submitted to the General Assembly on May 26, 2004; and

17 WHEREAS, As the personification of integrity and ability,
18 Mr. Thomas J. Homer has had an exemplary career of public
19 service that more than qualifies him to serve as the
20 Legislative Inspector General; and

21 WHEREAS, A native of Illinois, Mr. Homer was admitted to
22 the Illinois bar in 1974 and has devoted his professional life
23 to the law in various capacities that provide him with a
24 thorough and well-rounded understanding of the ethical demands
25 of governmental endeavors; and

26 WHEREAS, After serving as an Assistant State's Attorney in
27 Lake County and as the Fulton County State's Attorney, Mr.
28 Homer was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives
29 from 1982 to 1994, during which time he also engaged in the
30 private practice of law; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Homer was elected to the Illinois Third
2 District Appellate Court in 1996, thus adding to his skills in
3 interpreting legislative intent and human behavior; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Homer's lengthy resume of experience and
5 accomplishments uniquely qualifies him for the position of
6 Legislative Inspector General, an office that necessitates
7 both keen intellect and insight into the personal and
8 professional motivations of persons acting in the public realm;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
12 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we accept the nomination by the
13 Legislative Ethics Commission and appoint Mr. Thomas J. Homer
14 as Legislative Inspector General in accordance with subsection
15 (b) of Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees
16 Ethics Act, endorsing him wholeheartedly as surpassing all
17 statutory requirements and ensuring that his sterling
18 character and dedication to government service will enhance the
19 office of Legislative Inspector General and benefit the
20 administration of the ethical foundation on which Illinois
21 legislators and legislative employees operate; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with subsection (b) of
24 Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,
25 the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Homer takes effect upon the
26 adoption of this joint resolution by the affirmative vote of
27 three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the
28 General Assembly, the certification of this joint resolution by
29 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
30 of the Senate, and the filing of this joint resolution with the
31 Secretary of State; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with subsection (b) of
2 Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,
3 the term of Legislative Inspector General Homer shall commence
4 upon his qualification and run through June 30, 2008; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
7 Mr. Thomas J. Homer and the Legislative Ethics Commission.