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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 80 which established the
3 Long-Term Prisoners Study Committee was adopted by both houses
4 of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, The Long-Term Prisoners Study Committee was
6 directed to: consider whether life without parole and long-term
7 sentences in excess of 30 years are necessary for public safety
8 and provide the best use of State funds; and report its
9 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in a final
10 report which was to be filed on or before June 1, 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, The Long-Term Prisoners Study Committee does not
12 have sufficient time to carry out its duties before the June 1,
13 2007 date set for its report and recommendations; and

14 WHEREAS, The Ninety-Fifth General Assembly needs to
15 reauthorize the Long-Term Prisoners Study Committee with the
16 same membership and charge as the Committee authorized by HJR
17 80 of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly and set the date for
18 the report and recommendations as on or before December 31,
19 2007; and

20 WHEREAS, As stated in HJR 80, it costs at least \$1,000,000
21 to confine a person in prison for 30 years; and

1 WHEREAS, As stated in HJR 80, The recidivism rate for long
2 termers is the lowest of any group of prisoners and a large
3 number of lifers and long-term prisoners are sentenced under
4 the accountability theory and not for the actual commission of
5 the crime, and some are first time offenders; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is hereby established the
9 Long-Term Prisoners Study Committee; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall have the following
11 members: 17 members, as follows: 3 members appointed by the
12 President of the Senate, 2 members appointed by the Senate
13 Minority Leader, 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives, 2 members appointed by the House
15 Minority Leader; one member appointed by the Attorney General;
16 one member appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by
17 the Cook County State's Attorney; one member appointed by the
18 Office of the Cook County Public Defender; one member appointed
19 by the Office of the State Appellate Defender; one member
20 appointed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate
21 Prosecutor; and one member appointed by the Director of
22 Corrections; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That any member of the Ninety-Fifth General
2 Assembly who was previously appointed to the Committee
3 established by HJR 80 of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly
4 shall remain as member of the Committee, unless the individual
5 who holds the position responsible for making the appointment
6 determines otherwise; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That all actions of the Committee require the
8 affirmative vote of at least 9 members; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the members of the Committee shall select a
10 chairperson; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall hold public hearings and
12 shall study and examine issues related to prisoners sentenced
13 to life without parole and prisoners sentenced to terms in
14 excess of 30 years; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Department of Corrections shall provide
16 staff and administrative support to the Committee; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall report its findings and
19 recommendations to the General Assembly in a final report which
20 shall be filed on or before December 31, 2007; the requirement
21 for reporting to the General Assembly shall be satisfied by

1 filing copies of the report with the Speaker, the Minority
2 Leader and the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the
3 President, the Minority Leader and the Secretary of the Senate
4 and the Legislative Research Unit, as required by Section 3.1
5 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and filing additional
6 copies with the State Government Report Distribution Center for
7 the General Assembly as required under paragraph (t) of Section
8 7 of the State Library Act; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be
10 transmitted to the members of the Committee.