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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Section 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that the General Assembly, by a vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house, shall appoint an Auditor General; and

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WHEREAS, Section 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that the General Assembly, by a vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house, may remove the Auditor General for cause; and

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WHEREAS, The Senate and the House of Representatives adopted Senate Joint Resolution 35 on October 20, 2015 to appoint Frank J. Mautino as Auditor General; and

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WHEREAS, Auditor General Frank J. Mautino's term commenced on January 1, 2016 for a term of 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, Frank J. Mautino served as chairman of the political committee referred to as the Committee for Frank J. Mautino that was established on September 16, 1991 and closed on December 30, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, The State Board of Elections has ordered the Committee for Frank J. Mautino to provide clarification of

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1 spending by the political campaign committee; and

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Times newspaper in Springfield has
3 reported that a federal grand jury has issued subpoenas to
4 former campaign workers of Auditor General Frank J. Mautino;
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6 WHEREAS, Auditor General Frank J. Mautino has acknowledged
7 that there is an on-going investigation by the United States
8 Attorney's Office into spending of campaign funds by the
9 Committee for Frank J. Mautino; and

10 WHEREAS, Auditor General Frank J. Mautino has acknowledged
11 that he is cooperating with the United States Attorney's Office
12 investigation into alleged improprieties involving the
13 Committee for Frank J. Mautino; and

14 WHEREAS, Auditor General Frank J. Mautino has repeatedly
15 refused to respond to requests for information submitted by
16 members of the General Assembly regarding allegations of
17 misappropriation of campaign funds, ethical concerns, and
18 potential conflicts of interest; and

19 WHEREAS, Auditor General Frank J. Mautino has sought to
20 avoid answering questions from the State Board of Elections by
21 seeking a stay of the State Board of Elections' investigation

1 while the pending federal criminal investigation proceeds; and

2 WHEREAS, The investigation by the United States Attorney
3 General may not be concluded for months or years; and

4 WHEREAS, Taxpayers deserve an Auditor General beyond
5 reproach who is not the subject of an ongoing federal
6 investigation; and

7 WHEREAS, The ongoing investigations into the Committee for
8 Frank J. Mautino and serious allegations leveled against Frank
9 J. Mautino demonstrate his inability to conduct the Office of
10 Auditor General in an impartial and professional manner;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that, pursuant to Section 3 of
15 Article VIII of the Illinois Constitution, Frank J. Mautino is
16 to be removed for cause and shall be removed from office as the
17 Auditor General of the State of Illinois; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That Frank J. Mautino has neglected his duty to
19 the General Assembly by refusing to respond to legislative
20 inquiries regarding specific allegations involving
21 misappropriation of campaign funds, ethical concerns and

1 potential conflicts of interest; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That, pursuant to Section 3 of Article VIII of
3 the Illinois Constitution, Auditor General Frank J. Mautino
4 shall have been afforded due process and the opportunity to
5 appear before each house, prior to any vote on removal, to
6 respond to the charges contained in this Resolution; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That, by the vote of three-fifths of the members
9 elected to each house of the General Assembly pursuant to
10 Section 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of
11 Illinois, Frank J. Mautino of Spring Valley, Illinois is
12 removed as Auditor General for the State of Illinois
13 immediately.