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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois is experiencing a budget crisis that is  
3 one of the worst in the State's long history; and

4 WHEREAS, The financial condition of the State is affecting  
5 individuals, families, social services providers and their  
6 clients, State employees, units of local governments,  
7 educational institutions, businesses and other enterprises,  
8 large and small, and in some cases the State's financial  
9 condition is leaving those impacted without any avenue for  
10 relief; and

11 WHEREAS, Hundreds of millions of dollars of revenue to the  
12 State have been lost due to the recession that has gripped the  
13 entire nation; and

14 WHEREAS, At present Illinois has a budget shortfall that  
15 all agree is measured in billions of dollars; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois cannot ignore the talent of  
17 experienced Illinois citizen leaders who can assist the  
18 Governor and the General Assembly in identifying all  
19 appropriate means of effecting savings and gathering more  
20 income; and

1           WHEREAS, The effort made by the officials who share  
2 responsibility for governing the State of Illinois in this  
3 budget crisis must give a high priority to serving the people  
4 of Illinois and allow that important principle to guide all  
5 decisions made, in matters temporary or permanent; therefore,  
6 be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE  
9 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the State Financial Crisis Task Force  
10 is established to address all appropriate means of cutting  
11 State government costs, identifying efficiencies that can be  
12 effected in State government and in the other entities that the  
13 State funds or serves, and obtaining more revenue and funding  
14 for the State of Illinois, all while maintaining as a high  
15 priority service to the people of Illinois; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of 8 persons,  
17 to be appointed as follows:

18           (1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House  
19 of Representatives; and

20           (2) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
21 House of Representatives; and

22           (3) Two members appointed by the President of the  
23 Senate; and

24           (4) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the

1 Senate; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall deliver a written  
3 report to the General Assembly and the Governor by an early  
4 date, jointly established by the Speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of  
6 Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Minority  
7 Leader of the Senate, that makes findings and recommendations,  
8 and upon filing this report, the Task Force shall be available  
9 to assist the General Assembly as it addresses the budget  
10 crisis; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives and the Senate  
12 shall provide administrative and other support to the Task  
13 Force and that the members of the Task Force shall be  
14 reimbursed for their travel expenses and subject to the rules  
15 of the appropriate travel control board; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 delivered to the Governor, the Comptroller, and the Treasurer.