

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly supports the sentiments set
3 forth by the Olmstead Decision which held states responsible
4 for providing for persons with disabilities in the most
5 integrated setting, and therefore states are required to
6 reasonably modify their service delivery systems to maintain
7 a range of placement and service options for the care and
8 treatment of diverse disabilities and to effectively
9 administer those options; and

10 WHEREAS, Expansion of community-based programs was first
11 encouraged nationally by a growing number of individuals with
12 developmental disabilities awaiting services; and

13 WHEREAS, Illinois was one of the first states in the
14 nation to fund community-based services for individuals with
15 developmental disabilities; and

16 WHEREAS, There is an estimated 144,540 Illinois citizens
17 who have substantial developmental disabilities that have
18 occurred before the age of 18; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the most recently published
20 statistics, Illinois is currently ranked 39th in the nation
21 in the proportion of a state's aggregate income that is
22 committed to financing community-based services for
23 individuals with developmental disabilities; and

24 WHEREAS, Illinois is one of four states that does not
25 currently maintain a statewide waiting list to determine the
26 level of unmet need; and

27 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the discrepancy
28 between the State's economic well-being (Illinois is
29 currently ranked 9th nationally in personal income per
30 capita) and the lack of funding dedicated to improving the
31 community-based service system for individuals with

1 developmental disabilities in Illinois; and

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly further recognizes the need
3 to address this discrepancy and improve the State's
4 community-based services for individuals with developmental
5 disabilities to meet the rising level of need; therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 a Task Force be established to study services for the
10 developmentally disabled; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That under the auspices of the Office of the
12 Governor, the task force shall be responsible for doing the
13 following:

14 1. Studying the level of need for community-based
15 services; and

16 2. Studying the status of community-based services for
17 the developmentally disabled throughout the State; and

18 3. Assessing the level of services and their adequacy in
19 meeting the level of need; and

20 4. Developing recommendations for improving the
21 community-based service delivery system and addressing gaps
22 in these services; and

23 5. Developing recommendations for the State to expand
24 funding sources for these services; and

25 6. Developing recommendations to anticipate the level of
26 need for these services or alternatives to a waiting list;
27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, The Task Force shall have a total of 20 members
29 consisting of 2 members appointed by the Majority and
30 Minority Leaders in the House of Representatives and 16
31 members to be appointed by the Governor to represent the
32 Department of Human Services, providers of community-based

1 services for individuals with developmental disabilities; and
2 experts on the State service system for individuals with
3 developmental disabilities; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, The Task Force shall present a report of their
5 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the
6 Governor no later than October 1, 2004; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 provided to the Office of the Governor and the Secretary of
9 the Department of Human Services.