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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, According to the United States Census Bureau, Illinois is currently the fifth most populous state in the country, with approximately 12,800,000 residents; and

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WHEREAS, The role of Illinois in the global marketplace is currently in flux as a new United States Trade Representative takes office and the new presidential administration has created a White House National Trade Council; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois maintains 10 foreign trade offices: Mexico City, Mexico; Toronto, Canada; Brussels, Belgium; Pretoria, South Africa; Jerusalem, Israel; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Tokyo, Japan; New Delhi, India; and Hong Kong and Shanghai, China; and

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the International Job Protection Task Force is created within the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity - Office of Trade and Investment; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the International Job Protection Task Force is charged with the following duties: (1) analyze important

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1 issues relative to the growth of international trade from and
2 to Illinois; (2) make recommendations to Congress, the United
3 States Trade Representative, and the White House National Trade
4 Council regarding trade policies that best serve Illinois; and
5 (3) promote the protection of Illinois jobs relative to
6 international trade; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the International Job Protection Task Force
8 shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) two appointed by the Speaker of the Illinois House
10 of Representatives;

11 (2) two appointed by the President of the Illinois
12 Senate;

13 (3) two appointed by the Minority Leader of the
14 Illinois Senate;

15 (4) one appointed by an Illinois business group;

16 (5) one appointed by an Illinois agricultural group;

17 (6) 20 appointed by the AFL-CIO; and

18 (7) two appointed by the Minority Leader of the

1 Illinois House of Representatives; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Commerce and
3 Economic Opportunity - Office of Trade and Investment shall
4 provide administrative support for the International Job
5 Protection Task Force and shall reimburse for their reasonable
6 and prudent expenses; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the International Job Protection Task Force
8 shall provide a final report by December 31, 2017.