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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, House Resolution 550 of the 97th General Assembly  
3 created the Firearm Public Awareness Task Force; and

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WHEREAS, The Firearm Public Awareness Task Force was  
5 charged with finding and analyzing data from states that have  
6 concealed carry laws and the types and number of crimes  
7 involving handguns before and after the date that a concealed  
8 carry law went into effect; and

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10 WHEREAS, Every week there continue to be reports of  
11 tragedies and crimes involving firearms; illegal guns continue  
12 to flow into Illinois from other states; individuals who are  
13 not legally authorized to possess firearms continue to find  
ways to acquire them and utilize them in crimes; and

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15 WHEREAS, Since the Firearm Public Awareness Task Force  
16 completed its work in March of 2012, gun crimes continue to  
17 proliferate and mass shootings are increasing in number and  
18 severity: on December 14, 2012, 28 elementary school children  
19 were killed and two others wounded in Newtown, Connecticut; on  
20 December 2, 2015, 16 people were killed and 24 wounded in San  
21 Bernardino, California; on June 12, 2016, 49 people were killed  
22 and over 58 wounded in Orlando, Florida; and on October 1,  
2017, 58 people were killed and over 515 were wounded in Las

1 Vegas, Nevada; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the  
4 Firearm Public Awareness Task Force is reconstituted; and be it  
5 further

6 RESOLVED, The Firearm Public Awareness Task Force is  
7 charged with gathering data and studying the following:

8 (1) Reviewing the previous report compiled by the task  
9 force and discussing the effects that concealed carry might  
10 have had on the proliferation of crimes involving firearms;  
11 and

12 (2) Shootings in Illinois by regions and what might be  
13 contributing to more shootings in one area of the State  
14 compared to others; and

15 (3) Gun dealers and gun sales that may have led to illegal  
16 usage or straw purchases; this should include the number of  
17 guns and ammunition sold and any registry concerning  
18 ammunition purchases; and

19 (4) The transportation of firearms, especially newly  
20 manufactured firearms as they are transported through  
21 Illinois; this should include the study of the repeated gun  
22 thefts at the Norfolk Southern Rail Yard; and

23 (5) Mental health laws and treatments for those individuals  
24 who have access to firearms; and

1           (6) Current laws on handguns and rifles and the states with  
2           the best practices; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That the Firearm Public Awareness Task Force  
4           shall be comprised of the following members, all of whom shall  
5           serve without compensation:

6           (1) five representatives appointed by the Speaker of  
7           the House of Representatives;

8           (2) five representatives appointed by the Minority  
9           Leader of the House of Representatives;

10          (3) a representative of the Department of State Police  
11          appointed by the Director of the Department;

12          (4) a representative of the Cook County Sheriff's  
13          office appointed by the Cook County Sheriff;

14          (5) a representative of the Illinois State's  
15          Attorneys' Association appointed by the head of that  
16          organization;

17          (6) a representative of the Illinois Fraternal Order of  
18          Police appointed by the head of that organization;

19          (7) a representative of the Illinois Sheriffs  
20          Association appointed by the head of that organization;

21          (8) a representative of the National Rifle Association  
22          of America appointed by the head of that organization;

23          (9) a representative of the Illinois State Rifle  
24          Association appointed by the head of that organization;

25          (10) a representative of the Illinois Council Against

1 Handgun Violence appointed by the head of that  
2 organization; and

3 (11) a representative from the Illinois Firearms  
4 Manufacturers Association appointed by the head of that  
5 organization; and be it further

6 (12) a representative from the Cook County State's  
7 Attorney's office appointed by the Cook County State's  
8 Attorney; and

9 (13) an individual who advocates for victims of gun  
10 violence appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Speaker shall designate a member of the  
13 task force to serve as the chairperson; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Department of State Police shall provide  
15 administrative and other support to the task force; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the task force shall hold public hearings  
18 and shall issue a written report of its findings and  
19 recommendations to the General Assembly before the end of the  
20 100th General Assembly, and upon filing its report, the task  
21 force is dissolved.