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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Although much of America is thriving
3 economically, rural areas have not recovered from the Great
4 Recession of the late 2000s; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New
6 York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, and Wisconsin have all
7 begun to look into rural concerns through the creation of
8 initiatives, committees, councils, and agencies; therefore, be
9 it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
12 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Rural
13 Development Task Force whose purpose is the following:

14 (1) Study the conditions, needs, issues, and problems
15 in the agriculture industry; and

16 (2) Evaluate any action or legislation that may be
17 necessary to promote economic development in the rural
18 areas of the State; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the
20 following members, who shall serve without compensation:

21 (1) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

22 (2) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the

1 House;

2 (3) One member appointed by the President of the
3 Senate;

4 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the
5 Senate;

6 (5) One member appointed by the Governor;

7 (6) One member appointed by the Director of the
8 Department of Agriculture;

9 (7) One member appointed by the Director of the
10 Department of Commerce and Economic Development;

11 (8) One member representing the State's largest
12 agricultural association, appointed by the Speaker of the
13 House; and

14 (9) One member representing the State's largest
15 economic development association, appointed by the
16 Minority Leader of the House; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall elect a chairperson
18 from its membership and shall have the authority to determine
19 its own meeting schedule, hearing schedule, and agendas; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That any vacancy in the membership of the Task
22 Force shall be filled in the manner in which the original
23 member was appointed; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Department of Agriculture shall provide
2 any necessary administrative support; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report
4 to the Governor and General Assembly no later than December 31,
5 2019, and upon the filing of its report, is dissolved.