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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Although the U.S. has made tremendous progress in
3 its struggle to overcome its tragic racial history, much work
4 remains to be done; and

5 WHEREAS, Black Americans are much less likely to move up
6 the economic ladder than others; and

7 WHEREAS, Many factors are at work, including systemic
8 anti-Black racial inequities, educational inequalities,
9 neighborhood effects, workplace discrimination, parenting,
10 access to credit, rates of incarceration, and so on;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 the Commission on the Social Status of Black Males is created
15 to study the social conditions of Black males, create
16 evidence-based and measurable policy and system changes,
17 develop strategies to assist in remedying severe adversities,
18 support forums to promote statewide achievements, and make
19 sustainable recommendations to improve the life chance and
20 quality of life of Black males in Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall consist of the

1 following 21 members, who shall serve without compensation:

2 (1) Two State Representatives appointed by the Speaker
3 of the House, one who shall serve as co-chair;

4 (2) Two State Representatives appointed by the House
5 Minority Leader, one who shall serve as co-chair; and

6 (3) 17 members to be appointed by the co-chairs, who
7 shall be from the following groups:

8 (a) One U.S. Representative from Illinois;

9 (b) Four elected officials from four different
10 Illinois cities, one of whom shall serve as Chief
11 Commissioner;

12 (c) Three Illinois high school students from
13 different cities;

14 (d) Three Illinois college students from different
15 cities;

16 (e) Three representatives from Illinois-based
17 philanthropic non-profit organizations; and

18 (f) Three public members from the general public;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall meet at the call of
21 the co-chairs, but no less than four times a year; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That the Commission will civically-engage
24 communities throughout Illinois to fulfill its mandate; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Department of Children and Family
3 Services shall provide administrative support for the
4 Commission; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall submit quarterly
6 updates to the General Assembly; it shall submit its final
7 report of research-informed, evidence-based recommendations no
8 later than January 1, 2023 and upon the filing of the report is
9 dissolved.