

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1 of the Illinois  
3 Constitution provides that the legislative, executive, and  
4 judicial branches are separate and that no branch shall  
5 exercise powers properly belonging to another; and

6 WHEREAS, Article IV of the Illinois Constitution provides  
7 for the creation, organization, and transaction of business  
8 in the Illinois General Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the powers granted to the General  
10 Assembly in Section IV of the Illinois Constitution is the  
11 passage of appropriations bills; and

12 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois faces fiscal difficulties  
13 as revenue shortfalls have endangered programs and extended  
14 payment cycles to vendors that provide services on behalf of  
15 the State of Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has approved a \$350  
17 billion package of tax cuts and economic assistance that will  
18 be used to help states facing budget difficulties; and

19 WHEREAS, \$20 billion will be sent to states for economic  
20 assistance, including an estimated \$356 million to benefit  
21 the Illinois Medicaid program and an additional \$422 million  
22 in flexible assistance for Illinois; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
25 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is hereby created a  
26 joint legislative task force to make recommendations on the  
27 proper budgeting of funds received as a result of the passage  
28 of "The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of  
29 2003"; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the budgetary task force shall be

1 comprised of 8 members of the General Assembly with 2 members  
2 being appointed by the Speaker of the House, 2 members being  
3 appointed by the House Minority Leader, 2 members being  
4 appointed by the President of the Senate, and 2 members being  
5 appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.