



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Manufactured homes, frequently known as mobile
3 homes, are a major source of housing for older Americans; in
4 2001, it was estimated that there were 7.2 million housing
5 units occupied year round as a primary residence; this
6 represents 7% of the nation's occupied housing; and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois has approximately 2,000 manufactured
8 home communities that house over 300,000 residents; of the
9 300,000 residents in Illinois approximately 50% are in the age
10 group of 55 and older; and

11 WHEREAS, Unlike conventional standard housing, which is
12 permanently affixed to the land on which it is built,
13 manufactured housing does not require a permanent foundation;
14 manufactured housing ownership does not necessarily imply
15 ownership on the land; and

16 WHEREAS, Mobile home park owners are non-subsidized
17 providers of low to moderate income housing; and

18 WHEREAS, Most homes are in land-leased communities, and
19 there are advantages and disadvantages that come with owning a
20 home but not the land on which it is located; one advantage is
21 that low and moderate income households who cannot afford to
22 acquire land, especially in high cost markets, can still buy
23 and build equity in a home; disadvantages include the cost and
24 risk of moving a manufactured home from one rental community to
25 another, making moving difficult; and

26 WHEREAS, Because of the dual ownership between the
27 homeowner and the landowner, traditional laws relating to home
28 ownership or apartment rental are inadequate to meet the unique
29 needs of manufactured home rental; home ownership implies a
30 number of legal rights relating to home equity and full use and

1 enjoyment of the home; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a Joint Task
5 Force on Illinois Mobile Homes for the purpose of examining
6 their special needs and making recommendations to the General
7 Assembly concerning those needs as they relate to manufactured
8 home communities and the rights of manufactured home owners;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force on Illinois Mobile
11 Homes shall consist of the following members: (i) 2
12 co-chairpersons who are members of the General Assembly, one of
13 whom is appointed by the Speaker of the House and one of whom
14 is appointed by the President of the Senate; and (ii) 2
15 spokespersons who are members of the General Assembly, one of
16 whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the House and one
17 of whom is appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and
18 (iii) the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate,
19 the Minority Leader of the House, and the Minority Leader of
20 the Senate may each appoint 4 additional members; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That the members shall serve on a voluntary basis
23 and shall be responsible for any costs associated with their
24 participation in the Joint Task Force; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That all members of the Joint Task Force shall be
26 considered to be members with voting rights, that a quorum of
27 the Joint Task Force shall consist of a simple majority of the
28 members of the Joint Task Force, and that all actions and
29 recommendations of the Joint Task Force be approved by a simple
30 majority of the members of the Joint Task Force; and be it
31 further

1 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force on Illinois Mobile
2 Homes shall meet at the call of the chairpersons and shall
3 summarize its findings and recommendations in a report to the
4 General Assembly no later than September 30, 2004.