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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Many citizens of Illinois are facing an economic struggle to pay grocery bills and fill their cars' gas tanks, but downstate homeowners face the additional burden of astronomical property taxes; and

WHEREAS, The over-reliance of government on property taxes to generate ever increasing revenues has resulted in an unstable and unpredictable system that drains the resources of homeowners who are hard-pressed to afford the nearly constant tax increases; and

WHEREAS, It is past time to reexamine the property tax system in Illinois in order to reevaluate its goals and determine alternative methods of achieving its purposes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Property Tax Task Force consisting of 9 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Property Tax Task Force shall conduct a study of the property tax system in Illinois and investigate methods of reducing the reliance on property taxes and alternative methods of funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its findings to the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2005, at which time the Task Force is dissolved.