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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Each year in Illinois, violent acts claim the lives of many Illinois residents; the reduction of violence needs to be a priority for the State of Illinois; information related to the incidents of violent death can assist health care professionals, law enforcement officials, and other government officials in developing public policy to reduce violence against Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention is considering applications to expand the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS); and

WHEREAS, Data related to violent deaths are typically housed in multiple agencies and are not shared among agencies for analysis, resulting in incomplete information and a distorted understanding of local, state, and national issues related to violent deaths; and

WHEREAS, The NVDRS brings together data from all agencies investigating violent deaths to allow the fullest possible understanding of trends in violent deaths from data that is already being collected; and

WHEREAS, Since 2002 the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has funded 13 states in the first phase of development of the National Violent Death Reporting System and this year will fund 2 or 3 additional states; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health has agreed to participate in the 2004 application for funding, with the Chicago Department of Public Health taking the lead in the first phase of the Illinois Violent Death Reporting System (IVDRS) and the Child Health Data Lab at Children's Memorial Hospital playing a supporting role by evaluating the system and

1 facilitating state-wide implementation; and

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health, the State Police,
3 the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Chicago Police
4 Department, the Cook County Medical Examiner, the Peoria County
5 Sheriff, the Peoria County Coroner, the Winnebago County
6 Coroner, the City of Rockford Police, and the Illinois Child
7 Death Review Team have all agreed to participate in data
8 sharing for the IVDRS; and

9 WHEREAS, The purpose of the IVDRS is to establish a
10 state-wide violent death reporting system to analyze deaths
11 caused by homicide, suicide, unintentional firearm injuries,
12 and acts of terrorism, and to develop and evaluate preventative
13 measures as well as to identify emerging trends in violent
14 deaths in Illinois; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 urge the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to grant
18 funding for the Illinois Violent Death Reporting System; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
21 to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.