



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 142

2 WHEREAS, Subsection (b) of Section 25-10 of the State  
3 Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/25-10) requires  
4 that the Legislative Ethics Commission shall diligently search  
5 out qualified candidates for the Legislative Inspector General  
6 and make recommendations to the General Assembly, which shall  
7 appoint a Legislative Inspector General by joint resolution;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Subsection (b) of Section 25-10 further states  
10 that the Legislative Inspector General shall be selected solely  
11 on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability and sets  
12 forth the necessary educational and employment criteria; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 24, 2004, the General Assembly appointed  
14 Mr. Thomas J. Homer to serve as the Legislative Inspector  
15 General, with his term to end June 30, 2008; and

16 WHEREAS, The Legislative Ethics Commission at its last  
17 meeting voted to retain Mr. Thomas J. Homer as Legislative  
18 Inspector General in a holdover capacity pending his  
19 reappointment or the appointment of a new Legislative Inspector  
20 General; and

21 WHEREAS, As the personification of integrity and ability,

1 Mr. Thomas J. Homer has had an exemplary career of public  
2 service that more than qualifies him to serve as the  
3 Legislative Inspector General; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Illinois, Mr. Homer was admitted to  
5 the Illinois bar in 1974 and has devoted his professional life  
6 to the law in various capacities that provide him with a  
7 thorough and well-rounded understanding of the ethical demands  
8 of governmental endeavors; and

9 WHEREAS, After serving as an Assistant State's Attorney in  
10 Lake County and as the Fulton County State's Attorney, Mr.  
11 Homer was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives  
12 from 1982 to 1994, during which time he also engaged in the  
13 private practice of law; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Homer was elected to the Illinois Third  
15 District Appellate Court in 1996, thus adding to his skills in  
16 interpreting legislative intent and human behavior; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Homer's lengthy resume of experience and  
18 accomplishments uniquely qualifies him for the position of  
19 Legislative Inspector General, an office that necessitates  
20 both keen intellect and insight into the personal and  
21 professional motivations of persons acting in the public realm;  
22 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
3           SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we reappoint Mr. Thomas J. Homer  
4           as Legislative Inspector General in accordance with subsection  
5           (b) of Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees  
6           Ethics Act, endorsing him wholeheartedly as surpassing all  
7           statutory requirements and ensuring that his sterling  
8           character and dedication to government service will enhance the  
9           office of Legislative Inspector General and benefit the  
10          administration of the ethical foundation on which Illinois  
11          legislators and legislative employees operate; and be it  
12          further

13          RESOLVED, That, in accordance with subsection (b) of  
14          Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,  
15          the reappointment of Mr. Thomas J. Homer takes effect upon the  
16          adoption of this joint resolution by the affirmative vote of  
17          three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the  
18          General Assembly, the certification of this joint resolution by  
19          the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President  
20          of the Senate, and the filing of this joint resolution with the  
21          Secretary of State; and be it further

22          RESOLVED, That, in accordance with subsection (b) of  
23          Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,

1 the term of Legislative Inspector General Homer shall run  
2 through June 30, 2013; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to  
4 Mr. Thomas J. Homer and the Legislative Ethics Commission.