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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, No oil refinery has been built in the United
3 States in the past 30 years and U.S. consumers now rely upon
4 imported supplies of refined petroleum products to a degree
5 that is incompatible with national security; and

6 WHEREAS, In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused damage to
7 several Gulf Coast refineries, illustrating the vulnerability
8 of the nation's refining infrastructure and resulting in
9 gasoline shortages and dramatic fluctuations in fuel prices;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The U.S. refining industry runs at nearly 100%
12 capacity in order to keep up with demand; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 there is created the Illinois Oil Refining Task Force for the
16 purpose of studying the lack of sufficient gasoline and
17 diesel-fuel refining capacity in Illinois; the Task Force shall
18 consist of 12 members as follows: one member appointed by the
19 Director of the Environmental Protection Agency; one member
20 appointed by the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity;
21 one member who represents the interests of the petroleum
22 industry; one member who represents the interests of the

1 State's petroleum marketers; 2 members appointed by the
2 President of the Senate; 2 members appointed by the Minority
3 Leader of the Senate; 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the
4 House of Representatives; and 2 members appointed by the
5 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall appoint
8 one member to serve as chairperson; the initial meeting of the
9 Task Force shall be within 30 days after the appointment of a
10 majority of the members and all other meetings shall be at the
11 call of the chairperson; the members of the Task Force shall
12 receive no compensation for their services as members of the
13 Task Force but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
14 incurred as a result of their service from appropriations made
15 by the General Assembly for that purpose; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Department of Commerce and Economic
17 Opportunity shall provide staff support to the Task Force, as
18 necessary; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report to the General
20 Assembly its recommendations on ways to improve the condition
21 of the State's refining capacity and shall file its report with
22 the Clerk of the House and with the Secretary of the Senate no
23 later than December 31, 2007; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Director of the Environmental Protection
3 Agency, the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the
4 President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority
6 Leader of the House of Representatives.