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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Chicago Chapter of the United States Green  
3 Building Council (USGBC), in cooperation with civic and  
4 corporate partners, has announced a project to help 3 Illinois  
5 public schools (one in Chicago, one in the suburbs, and one  
6 downstate) achieve certification under the USGBC's Leadership  
7 in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard for existing  
8 buildings; and

9 WHEREAS, The LEED building rating system provides  
10 standards for environmentally sustainable construction; and

11 WHEREAS, Thousands of buildings throughout the United  
12 States and other countries have become LEED certified; and

13 WHEREAS, This project will cover all of the additional  
14 costs of achieving LEED certification and will provide  
15 resources to project schools to allow them to determine how to  
16 shift costs from materials and services that negatively impact  
17 the environment toward those that improve the environment; and

18 WHEREAS, This project provides a model for a statewide  
19 campaign to transform every existing Illinois public school  
20 into a green school so that within a generation every child in  
21 Illinois can attend a green school; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
3           SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that a Task Force shall be created to  
4           investigate how to retrofit 3 public schools in the State of  
5           Illinois to achieve LEED certification; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall develop the  
7           infrastructure for a statewide program coincident to the  
8           USGBC's project; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of one  
10          individual appointed by the Chair of the Chicago Chapter of the  
11          USGBC, who shall serve as the Chair of the Task Force; one  
12          individual appointed by the Director of Commerce and Economic  
13          Opportunity; one individual appointed by the State  
14          Superintendent of Education; one individual appointed by the  
15          Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives; one  
16          individual appointed by the Minority Leader of the Illinois  
17          House of Representatives; one individual appointed by the  
18          President of the Illinois Senate; and one individual appointed  
19          by the Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate; and be it  
20          further

21          RESOLVED, That the Capital Development Board shall provide  
22          administrative and other support to the Task Force; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall be  
3 reimbursed for their travel expenses from appropriations to the  
4 Capital Development Board available for that purpose and  
5 subject to the rules of the appropriate travel control board;  
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution shall be  
8 delivered to the Chairperson of the Chicago Chapter of the  
9 USGBC, the Executive Director of the Capital Development Board,  
10 the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the  
11 State Superintendent of Education.