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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Increasing opportunities for minorities to 3 participate at all levels of education is and should be a top 4 priority in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly believes that continuing the progress of historically disadvantaged groups will require a concerted effort on the part of all of the higher education community, as well as legislative and executive branches of State government; and

WHEREAS, Despite efforts in the past from the Senate Subcommittee on Minority Concerns in Higher Education and others, there is much that still needs to be considered and acted upon to address the needs of minorities to ensure continued equity in our educational system; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that a Joint Committee on the Status of Minorities in Education be established; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Committee be composed of 3 members from each of the Senate Committees on Education and Higher Education, 2 appointed by each Chairman and one appointed by

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- each Minority Spokesman; and 3 members from each of the House
- 2 Committees on Elementary and Secondary Education and Higher
- 3 Education, 2 appointed by each Chairman and one appointed by
- 4 each Minority Spokesman; and be it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That this Joint Committee conduct hearings and
- 6 investigate other matters appropriate to the status of
- 7 minorities in education; and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That this Committee shall submit a report to the
- 9 General Assembly on or before March 1, 2010.