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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Recent media reports indicate that a state  
3 workers' compensation arbitrator who was to decide whether  
4 former Illinois State Trooper Matt Mitchell should be  
5 compensated for his injuries took actions to keep an  
6 arbitration hearing secret; and

7 WHEREAS, It was only through diligent work by the press  
8 that led to the Freedom of Information Act requests inquiring  
9 about the change of hearing place that led to the general  
10 public's knowledge of this arbitration action; and

11 WHEREAS, The chief of staff for the Illinois Attorney  
12 General spoke out against apparent deceptive practices  
13 manifested by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission  
14 when it appears to have attempted to mislead and prevent the  
15 public to be informed of a public arbitration hearing;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 the Illinois Auditor General conduct an extraordinary  
20 compliance and programmatic audit of the Workers' Compensation  
21 Commission, with special, but not exclusive, attention, to the  
22 issue of possible collusion between the Commission and Illinois

1 public safety officers, especially the case of former Trooper  
2 Matt Mitchell.