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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Public health issues are of paramount importance
3 to the State and its units of local government; and

4 WHEREAS, Health disparities have a systemic and critical
5 impact on morbidity and mortality rates in communities
6 throughout the State; and

7 WHEREAS, The State is in need of a comprehensive review of
8 its public health policymaking and regulatory framework in
9 order to meet the needs of its diverse citizenry; and

10 WHEREAS, The State has the resources through its agencies,
11 public and private universities, and community-based
12 organizations to conduct a comprehensive review of its public
13 health policies and policymaking infrastructure; and

14 WHEREAS, Population health status and health services
15 needs unique to Illinois should be reflected in the research
16 and policy analysis work of researchers, planners, and policy
17 analysts; and

18 WHEREAS, The Community Engagement and Research Core is a
19 federally-funded component of the University of Illinois at
20 Chicago Center for Clinical and Translational Science, engaged

1 in broad-based, action-oriented public health policy research
2 and dissemination; and

3 WHEREAS, This comprehensive review of the State's public
4 health policies and policymaking infrastructure is critical
5 and necessary in order to fully benefit from federal health
6 care reform, demonstrate additional efficiencies in the
7 delivery of health care services to those most in need, and
8 foster the relationship of public health to the larger
9 community in terms of human, physical, fiscal, and program
10 resources; and

11 WHEREAS, State policymakers will benefit from a
12 comprehensive and well-developed study of the State's public
13 health policies and policymaking infrastructure; therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 the Public Health Policy Task Force is hereby established to
18 prepare a comprehensive report to the General Assembly on the
19 State's public health policies and its public health
20 policymaking infrastructure that shall include an Illinois
21 policy agenda; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That members of the Public Health Policy Task

1 Force shall include representatives from the House Healthcare
2 and Health Disparities Committee; State agencies, including,
3 without limitation, the Department of Public Health, the
4 Department of Human Services, and the Department of Healthcare
5 and Family Services; the Office of the Governor; research
6 universities; relevant community-based organizations; and the
7 provider community; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Community Engagement and Research Core
9 housed at the University of Illinois at Chicago is designated
10 as the lead agency for administering the work of the Public
11 Health Policy Task Force; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That members of the Public Health Policy Task
13 Force shall be recommended to the General Assembly by the
14 Chairman of the House Healthcare and Health Disparities
15 Committee, which recommendations shall be submitted to the
16 Governor for formal establishment of the Task Force; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold subject-matter
19 hearings as necessary under the auspices of the House Health
20 Care and Health Disparities Committee and shall prepare a
21 report to be presented to members of the House Health Care and
22 Health Disparities Committee on or before December 31, 2011;
23 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the directors of the Community Engagement and
3 Research Code.