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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The costs of housing prisoners in the Illinois Penitentiary System and county jails are a tremendous burden on the Illinois taxpayers; and

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WHEREAS, The recidivism rate among prisoners in the Illinois correctional system is about 54%; and

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WHEREAS, Many persons sentenced to prison or jail have the potential of rehabilitation; and

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WHEREAS, Service in the Armed Forces of the United States and the Illinois National Guard by persons who would otherwise be sentenced to prison or jail would be a more productive alternative for these persons; and

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WHEREAS, The Armed Forces of the United States and the Illinois National Guard promote self-respect and enhance a person's ability to serve the remainder of his or her life as a productive citizen; and

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WHEREAS, A Second Chance Task Force should be created to study military service as an alternative to imprisonment; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 the House create the Second Chance Task Force to study military
4 service as an alternative to imprisonment; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of 8 members as
6 follows:

7 (1) 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives; and

9 (2) 4 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
10 House of Representatives; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall choose its chair and
12 other officers and shall meet at the call of the chair; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
15 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their
16 reasonable and necessary expenses from funds appropriated for
17 that purpose; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall receive the assistance
19 of the Department of Military Affairs and such other persons as
20 it deems appropriate and shall report its findings and
21 recommendations to the House of Representatives by December 31,
22 2012.