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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly created the Police Training Institute (PTI) at the University of Illinois in 1955; and

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WHEREAS, The PTI has trained officers in all 102 counties of this State; and

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WHEREAS, The PTI is the largest police training academy in this State and has trained 65% of the officers outside of the City of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, The PTI has recently trained 32% of officers statewide and that percentage rose to 42% in 2010 as enrollment fell in all academies due to the recession, a testament to the reputation for excellence that the PTI has earned; and

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly created the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board (ILETSB) in 1965; and

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WHEREAS, By law the Director of the PTI is a member of the ILETSB; and

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WHEREAS, The law establishing the ILETSB does not give it the power to override the State law creating the PTI; and

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1 WHEREAS, The law establishing the ILETSB does not give it
2 the authority to run an academy; and

3 WHEREAS, The ILETSB desires to close the PTI and use the
4 funds to open a new academy under its management; and

5 WHEREAS, In the past the ILETSB has also "decertified" the
6 Illinois State Police Academy, although it was later restored;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we determine that (i) the PTI should remain open and its
11 funding should not be diverted to create a new academy, (ii)
12 the ILETSB should abide by the laws that created the PTI and
13 the ILETSB and not create new powers for itself without
14 legislative authority, and (iii) no new police training
15 academies should be created until the level of enrollment and
16 the condition of State finances would make this academically
17 reasonable and financially feasible; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to the Director of the PTI and to the ILETSB.