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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The United States Congress enacted the Federal Aviation Administration Modernization and Reform Act ("the Act"), which requires the Federal Aviation Administration to develop a plan to accelerate the integration of civil unmanned aircraft into the national airspace system by 2015; and

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WHEREAS, An unmanned aircraft is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention or control from within or on the aircraft; and

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WHEREAS, Unmanned aircraft are commonly referred to as drones; and

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WHEREAS, New developments in technology allow the creation of increasingly smaller drones that are undetectable by the naked eye; and

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WHEREAS, Following the passage of the Act, the Federal Aviation Administration has begun to issue rules to implement the Act's mandated plan, including rules that allow law enforcement agencies to operate drones; and

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WHEREAS, Allowing an increased amount of drones to fly in the national airspace expands aerial surveillance capabilities

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1 and has the potential to threaten the protected privacy rights  
2 of Illinois citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, It is imperative for the members of the Senate to  
4 thoroughly investigate the ramifications of the use of drones  
5 by law enforcement agencies and private parties in the State of  
6 Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the  
9 Drone Task Force, consisting of 17 members appointed as  
10 follows:

11 (1) two members of the Senate, one member appointed by  
12 the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the  
13 Minority Leader of the Senate; the member appointed by the  
14 President of the Senate shall serve as chair of the Task  
15 Force;

16 (2) three members appointed by the Governor; and

17 (3) twelve members who are not members of the General  
18 Assembly, 6 appointed by the Senate President and 6  
19 appointed by the Senate Minority Leader, representing a  
20 range of interests, including law enforcement, trial  
21 attorneys, the Illinois State Bar Association, judges,  
22 business groups, municipalities, and the general public;  
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1           RESOLVED, That all members shall serve without  
2 compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses from  
3 funds appropriated for that purpose; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study the various ways  
5 in which drones are used, including, but not limited to, the  
6 use of drones for surveillance by law enforcement; the use of  
7 drones for surveillance by other government entities,  
8 including for enforcement of local ordinances and codes; the  
9 use of armed drones by law enforcement; the use of armed drones  
10 by private citizens or entities; and the use of drones for  
11 surveillance by private citizens or entities; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall evaluate whether and  
13 how to limit the use of drones by law enforcement, other  
14 government entities, and private citizens or entities; and be  
15 it further

16           RESOLVED, That, on or before January 1, 2014, the Task  
17 Force shall report to the President of the Senate, the Minority  
18 Leader of the Senate, and the Governor concerning its  
19 recommendations, which shall include proposed legislation to  
20 implement its recommendations, if needed; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be dissolved upon  
22 issuing its report.