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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Emergency responders are constantly placed in
3 danger while performing their duties, both from the dangerous
4 conditions of their work and the hazardous locations where
5 incidents occur; and

6 WHEREAS, On March 5, 2013, Hudson Community Fire Protection
7 District volunteer firefighter Chris Brown was struck and
8 killed by a motorist while working at the scene of a motor
9 vehicle collision; and

10 WHEREAS, On October 30, 2013, Pontiac Police Department K9
11 Officer Casey Kohlmeier was struck and killed by a drunk driver
12 while performing his duties on Interstate 55; and

13 WHEREAS, Many other emergency responders have been killed,
14 injured, or placed in needless danger by similar incidents; and

15 WHEREAS, More comprehensive solutions are required to
16 ensure that emergency responders are able to safely perform the
17 vital duties they carry out for the citizens of our State;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Emergency
2 Responder Roadway Safety Task Force to identify and recommend
3 ways that the State of Illinois can increase the safety of
4 emergency responders while they perform their duties; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
7 following members: one member appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives; one member appointed by the Minority
9 Leader of the House of Representatives; one member appointed by
10 the President of the Senate; one member appointed by the
11 Minority Leader of the Senate; 2 members appointed by the
12 Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, one of
13 which must be currently employed as a highway maintainer with
14 the Illinois Department of Transportation; one member
15 appointed by the Director of the Illinois State Police; one
16 police officer from a county with a population of less than
17 60,000 citizens appointed by an association that represents law
18 enforcement; one police officer from a county with a population
19 between 60,000 and 1,000,000 citizens appointed by an
20 association that represents law enforcement; one police
21 officer from a county with a population of more than 1,000,000
22 citizens appointed by an association that represents law
23 enforcement; one firefighter from a county with a population of
24 less than 60,000 citizens appointed by an association that
25 represents firefighters; one firefighter from a county with a

1 population between 60,000 and 1,000,000 citizens appointed by
2 an association that represents firefighters; one firefighter
3 from a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 citizens
4 appointed by an association that represents firefighters; one
5 emergency medical services personnel from a county with a
6 population of less than 60,000 citizens appointed by an
7 association that represents emergency medical services
8 personnel; one emergency medical services personnel from a
9 county with a population between 60,000 and 1,000,000 citizens
10 appointed by an association that represents emergency medical
11 services personnel; one emergency medical services personnel
12 from a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 citizens
13 appointed by an association that represents emergency medical
14 services personnel; one member appointed by the Executive
15 Director of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; and one
16 member from an Illinois association that represents the
17 interests of the towing and recovering industry; the members of
18 the Task Force shall select a chairperson at the initial
19 meeting; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Police shall provide
21 administrative and other support to the Task Force; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
24 without compensation; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report of its
2 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later
3 than January 1, 2016.