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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, African Americans represent 14.7% of the total
3 population of Illinois residents; the unemployment rate for
4 African Americans in Illinois is projected to be 13.5%, nearly
5 double the rate for the total State population; and

6 WHEREAS, African Americans represent 9.5% of the ownership
7 of total Illinois businesses; the total value of State
8 contracts awarded to African American-owned businesses in 2013
9 was less than 1% of total Central Management Services spending;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Unemployment leads to a decline in communities,
12 resulting in foreclosures, abandoned buildings, violence,
13 depression, and poverty; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a Fair
17 Practices in Contracting Task Force to:

18 (1) thoroughly survey African American-owned business
19 participation in State procurement;

20 (2) research solutions and methods to address the
21 disparity in procurement awards; and

22 (3) produce a final report summarizing the task force's

1 findings and detailing recommended statutory or constitutional
2 strategies to recognize best practices; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
4 following members: 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the
5 House, 2 of whom must be State Representatives, and 2 who are
6 from Central Management Services, the Illinois Department of
7 Transportation, or Illinois Health and Family Services; 4
8 members appointed by the President of the Senate, 2 of whom
9 must be State Senators, and 2 who are from Central Management
10 Services, the Illinois Department of Transportation, or
11 Illinois Health and Family Services; and 4 members appointed by
12 the Governor, all of whom must be from Central Management
13 Services, the Illinois Department of Transportation, or
14 Illinois Health and Family Services; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force be appointed and hold its
16 first meeting by March 1, 2015; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Department of Central Management
18 Services shall assist the Task Force and provide administrative
19 support, but shall have no hand in guiding its direction or
20 ascertaining its results; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet quarterly and
22 report its findings to the General Assembly and its appropriate

1 committees; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That members of Task Force shall serve without
3 compensation; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report
5 to the General Assembly and the Governor, no later than
6 December 31, 2015.