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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In the State of Illinois, an eligible law student
3 and an eligible graduate of law school that is not yet licensed
4 to practice law in any jurisdiction, if he or she satisfies
5 specific requirements, can be granted a temporary license to
6 perform specified legal services under Illinois Supreme Court
7 Rule 711; and

8 WHEREAS, Under Rule 711, eligible law students and eligible
9 graduates of law schools may render services under the
10 supervision of a member of the Illinois bar, such as
11 negotiating in the settlement of claims; representing clients
12 in mediation and other non-litigation matters; engaging in the
13 preparation and drafting of legal instruments; and appearing in
14 trial courts, courts of review, and administrative tribunals of
15 this State, subject to qualifications; and

16 WHEREAS, Eligible law students and eligible graduates of
17 law school may perform such permitted legal services in the
18 course of the student's or graduate's work with one or more of
19 the following organizations or programs: a legal aid bureau,
20 legal assistance program, organization, or clinic chartered by
21 the State of Illinois or approved by an American Bar
22 Association-approved law school; the public defender's office;
23 or a law office of the State or any of its subdivisions; and

1 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly is the legislative
2 body of the State of Illinois authorized to negotiate, prepare,
3 draft, and enact legislation on behalf of the people of
4 Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly has multiple
6 offices with attorneys who are members of the Illinois bar that
7 analyze and draft legislation and research related legal
8 issues; and

9 WHEREAS, As currently written, Rule 711 does not clearly
10 authorize eligible law students and eligible law school
11 graduates to perform legal services for the Illinois General
12 Assembly; and

13 WHEREAS, Eligible law students and eligible law school
14 graduates that are temporarily licensed under Rule 711 could
15 greatly benefit from the advanced experience gained through the
16 opportunity of working closely with members of the General
17 Assembly while performing legal services related to the
18 legislative process under the supervision of members of the
19 Illinois bar; and

20 WHEREAS, The General Assembly could greatly benefit from
21 the additional assistance and particularized knowledge of

1 eligible law students and eligible law school graduates that
2 are temporarily licensed under Rule 711 to perform legal
3 services related to the legislative process; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 urge the Supreme Court of Illinois to amend its Rule 711(b) to
7 specifically list the Illinois General Assembly as one of the
8 agencies through which services may be performed as a part of
9 the temporary licensing process, authorizing eligible law
10 students and eligible law school graduates to perform legal
11 services under the Rule; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 delivered to the members of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules
14 Committee and the Director of the Administrative Office of the
15 Illinois Courts.