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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On November 13, 2014, Cinespace Chicago Film
3 Studios submitted an application to receive a \$10 million grant
4 for the acquisition of land to be used by the company; the
5 grant was approved on December 1, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, After being approved for the grant and being given
7 the \$10 million, reports have shown that Cinespace Chicago Film
8 Studios has cashed the check provided to them, but has not
9 purchased any land with the money; and

10 WHEREAS, The grant application that was submitted by
11 Cinespace contained no appraisals for the value of the land the
12 film company was hoping to purchase and many of the landowners
13 listed in the grant application have indicated they are not
14 interested in selling their land; in addition, the company has
15 previously experienced problems meeting the State's reporting
16 requirements for previous grant money that the company
17 received; and

18 WHEREAS, There exist many questions surrounding the
19 process in which Cinespace received \$10 million in State grant
20 money and Cinespace's subsequent actions concerning the land
21 acquisition process; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 direct the Office of the Auditor General to conduct an
4 investigation into the \$10 million grant released to Cinespace
5 Chicago Film Studios for land acquisition; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we urge Cinespace Chicago Film Studios and
7 any other organizations or agencies involved with this inquiry
8 to make available to the Office of the Auditor General all
9 information that may be necessary to its investigation; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Office of the Auditor General shall
12 present a report to the Illinois House of Representatives
13 detailing the findings of its investigation not more than one
14 year after the adoption of this resolution; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 delivered to the Office of the Auditor General.