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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In 2011, the American Civil Liberties Union of
Illinois filed a lawsuit against the City of Chicago on behalf
of the Central Austin Neighborhood Association (CANA) alleging
that police are deployed inequitably across the city's
neighborhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, The Central Austin Neighborhood Association contended that Chicago police officers are not dispatched to 911 calls in a timely manner in primarily African American and Hispanic neighborhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Inspector General of the City of Chicago is empowered by Section 2-56-030 of the Chicago Municipal Code to investigate the performance of governmental officers, employees, functions, and programs, either in response to a complaint or on the Inspector General's own initiative, in order to detect and prevent misconduct, inefficiency, and waste within the programs and operations of the city government; and

WHEREAS, Because of the lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois and the complaints of the Central Austin Neighborhood Association, it is of urgent necessity that a performance audit of the Chicago Police Department be

- 1 conducted by the Inspector General of the City of Chicago to
- 2 determine and assess police emergency response times in Chicago
- 3 neighborhoods and communities and to make recommendations to
- 4 improve response times in primarily African American and
- 5 Hispanic neighborhoods and communities; therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 8 urge the Inspector General of the City of Chicago to conduct a
- 9 performance audit of the Chicago Police Department to determine
- 10 and assess police emergency response times in Chicago
- 11 neighborhoods and communities and to make recommendations to
- 12 improve response times in primarily African American and
- Hispanic neighborhoods and communities; and be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be
- forwarded to the Mayor and Inspector General of the City of
- 16 Chicago.