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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There have recently been a rash of police officer
3 shootings across this nation that have resulted in the death of
4 suspects, especially of young black males, many of which have
5 been determined to be unjustified shootings; and

6 WHEREAS, In many instances these suspects could have been
7 subdued without the use of lethal force; and

8 WHEREAS, New technologies exist that employ non-lethal
9 force in subduing suspects; and

10 WHEREAS, To avoid these incidents in the future, each
11 police department in this State should develop a plan or
12 strategy for the use of non-lethal force on a person suspected
13 of committing or having committed a criminal offense, or
14 resisting arrest; and

15 WHEREAS, The plan or strategy should include the use of new
16 technologies and alternatives to the use of firearms in both
17 apprehending a suspect and in protecting a police officer from
18 harm by a suspect; therefore, be it

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

1 urge each police department in this State to develop a plan or
2 strategy for the use of non-lethal force on a person suspected
3 of committing or having committed a criminal offense, or
4 resisting arrest, including the use of new technologies and
5 alternatives to the use of firearms in both apprehending a
6 suspect and in protecting a police officer from harm by a
7 suspect; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 forwarded to the Director of State Police, the Superintendent
10 of the Chicago Police Department, the Cook County Sheriff, the
11 Illinois Sheriffs' Association, and the Illinois Association
12 of Chiefs of Police.