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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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- 2 WHEREAS, Horseback riding is a recreational pastime that is 3 enjoyed by many citizens in Illinois and the United States and 4 it should be widely available to as many members of the public 5 who wish to participate; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The expansion of bridle paths in Illinois is 7 necessary to further promote this recreational pastime; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Open space and land areas can be utilized to 9 create bridle paths; and
- 10 WHEREAS, This expansion will also aid in the economic development of Illinois; therefore, be it
- 12 THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL RESOLVED, BY ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 13 14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is hereby created 15 Recreational Bridle Path Task Force to study, assess, and make recommendations on the existing bridle paths in Illinois and 16 17 the feasibility of creating additional paths, specifically in 18 State parks; in addition, the Task Force shall recommend any necessary legislation for the creation of new bridle paths; and 19 20 be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That within 90 days after the adoption of this 2 resolution, members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the 3 Governor and shall consist of one member from each of the
- 4 following agencies or interest groups:
 - 1) member of the Department of Natural Resources;
- 6 2) member of the Department of Transportation;
 - 3) member of the Department of Agriculture; and
 - 4) member from an entity or association which has vested interests in areas where paths exist or may exist, including, but not limited to, bridle paths, bicycle paths, and ATV paths; and be it further
 - RESOLVED, That within 90 days after the adoption of this resolution, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member from an entity or association which has vested interests in areas where paths exist or may exist, including, but not limited to, bridle paths, bicycle paths, and ATV paths; and be it further
 - RESOLVED, That the term of the appointment shall be until submission of the report of comprehensive recommendations; the member from the Department of Natural Resources shall chair the Task Force and serve as a liaison to the Governor and General

- 1 Assembly; meetings of the Task Force shall be held as necessary
- 2 to complete the duties of the Task Force; meetings of the Task
- 3 Force shall be held in the central part of the State; and be it
- 4 further
- 5 RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources shall
- 6 provide administrative support, technical assistance, and
- 7 meeting space to the Task Force; and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall receive
- 9 no compensation for serving; and be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report with
- 11 comprehensive recommendations to the Governor and General
- 12 Assembly no later than December 31, 2016.