

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives finds that
3 the State of Illinois should develop a housing policy that
4 provides its citizens with affordable, safe, and accessible
5 housing; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives finds that
7 this housing policy should reflect a long-term perspective
8 that meets the needs of all citizens of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives recognizes
10 that Illinois has been ranked as the tenth least affordable
11 state in the United States in regard to housing; and

12 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives recognizes
13 that as a result of the pending loss of affordable units
14 through expiration of affordability clauses in national
15 programs, we are facing an escalating crisis in affordable
16 rental housing, with 41% of our renters unable to afford a
17 typical two-bedroom apartment; and

18 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives recognizes
19 that new federal guidelines that call for expensive but
20 necessary procedures for lead-based paint abatement will draw
21 on current resources, meaning less money for new units; and

22 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives recognizes
23 that over 1.1 million Illinois households are living in
24 unaffordable, overcrowded, or inappropriate housing as
25 defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development;
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
29 we urge the Chair of the House Urban Revitalization Committee
30 to establish, under House rules, a special Subcommittee on
31 Affordable Housing to examine and assess legislation,

1 programs, and policies affecting affordable housing
2 development and affordable housing resources in Illinois; and
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Subcommittee shall hold public
5 hearings to solicit public opinion and draw upon the
6 knowledge of experts and that the Subcommittee may call upon
7 all State agencies for assistance; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Subcommittee shall examine and assess
9 affordable housing needs in Illinois with special attention
10 given to multi-family housing; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Subcommittee shall identify and assess
12 available funding sources and determine funding gaps; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Subcommittee shall make policy
15 recommendations that meet the housing needs of residents of
16 the State of Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Subcommittee shall give particular
18 attention to the enactment of housing policies and programs
19 that would meet the needs of low-income, very-low-income, and
20 disabled households in Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Subcommittee shall work with local and
22 statewide affordable housing advocates in the State of
23 Illinois to accomplish its tasks; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That by January 1, 2003, the Subcommittee shall
25 complete its examination and assessment of legislation,
26 programs, and policies and submit a report with
27 recommendations to the members of the Illinois House of
28 Representatives and to the Governor who is elected at the
29 general election in November 2002.