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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the members of this body that minority-owned and female-owned financial services firms have not been afforded opportunities to participate in the investment activities of the public pension systems in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The time is long overdue for minority-owned and female-owned financial services firms to be given the same consideration as other firms with regard to opportunities to do business with the public pension systems in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, By State law, all of the public pensions systems created under the Illinois Pension Code are encouraged to recognize and report on an annual basis their utilization of minority-owned and female-owned financial services firms; and

WHEREAS, The annual reports have revealed abysmal performance by the public pension systems with regard to the utilization of minority-owned and female-owned financial services firms; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the House Task Force on Public Pension Investment is hereby created to investigate the investment practices of the public pension systems in Illinois with regard to each system's policies and utilization of minority-owned and female-owned financial services firms; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall conduct hearings, request information, and perform all other activities necessary to complete its investigation of the lack of opportunities afforded to minority-owned and female-owned financial services firms by the public pension systems in

- 1 Illinois; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be comprised of 13 3 members of the House of Representatives; with 7 members 4 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one
- of whom shall be designated as the Chairperson, and 6 members
- 6 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
- 7 Representatives; and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
- 9 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their
- 10 reasonable and necessary expenses; and be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall make any
- 12 recommendations it deems appropriate to the House of
- 13 Representatives on or before January 11, 2005.