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1                                   SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50  
2                                   (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3           WHEREAS, The people of the State of Illinois were shocked  
4           and saddened to learn of the 32 college students who were  
5           tragically slain on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic  
6           Institute and State University (commonly known as "Virginia  
7           Tech") in Blacksburg, Virginia, on Monday, April 16, 2007; and

8           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is home to over 180 public  
9           and private universities and colleges, which serve over 800,000  
10          students in undergraduate and graduate programs; and

11          WHEREAS, The public and private universities and colleges  
12          of Illinois operate across the State in a wide range of  
13          circumstances, from urban buildings to rural campuses, and with  
14          differing levels of police and security resources; therefore,  
15          be it

16          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
17          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18          CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Task Force to  
19          Prevent Campus Violence to examine the causes of campus  
20          violence and to develop recommendations to prevent incidents of  
21          campus violence, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual  
22          assault, hate crimes, and murder, on Illinois' college

1 campuses; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the  
3 following members:

4 (1) the chairperson and minority spokesperson of the  
5 Senate Higher Education Committee;

6 (2) the chairperson and minority spokesperson of the  
7 House Higher Education Committee;

8 (3) 9 members of the Federation of Illinois Independent  
9 Colleges & Universities, one member representing a local  
10 law enforcement agency in a community where a public or  
11 private college or university is located, one member  
12 representing community colleges located in Cook County,  
13 and one member representing community colleges in counties  
14 other than Cook County, all appointed by the Governor; and

15 (4) the Chairperson of the Board of Higher Education,  
16 the Chairperson of the Illinois Community College Board,  
17 the President of Chicago State University, the President of  
18 Eastern Illinois University, the President of Governors  
19 State University, the President of Illinois State  
20 University, the President of Northeastern Illinois  
21 University, the President of Northern Illinois University,  
22 the President of Southern Illinois University, the  
23 President of the University of Illinois, the President of  
24 Western Illinois University, the Director of State Police,  
25 the Attorney General, the Secretary of Human Services, and

1 the Governor (or their designees); and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the chairperson of the Senate Higher  
3 Education Committee and the chairperson of the House Higher  
4 Education Committee shall serve as co-chairs of the Task Force;  
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve  
7 without compensation; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education shall provide  
9 such staff and resources as may be necessary for the Task Force  
10 to perform its functions under this resolution; and be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings and  
13 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December  
14 31, 2008, at which time the Task Force shall be dissolved; and  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 delivered to the Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of  
18 Higher Education, the Chairperson of the Illinois Community  
19 College Board, the President of Chicago State University, the  
20 President of Eastern Illinois University, the President of  
21 Governors State University, the President of Illinois State

1 University, the President of Northeastern Illinois University,  
2 the President of Northern Illinois University, the President of  
3 Southern Illinois University, the President of the University  
4 of Illinois, the President of Western Illinois University, the  
5 Director of State Police, the Attorney General, and the  
6 Secretary of Human Services.