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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 1032

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives recognize their responsibility to promote,  
4 protect, and preserve the safety and welfare of the citizens of  
5 the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of this body also recognize that  
7 criminal street gangs and gang-related activities promote  
8 crime and jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of the  
9 citizens of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has experienced a recent  
11 increase in criminal street gang activity; over the weekend of  
12 March 17-18, 2012, 46 people were shot in the City of Chicago,  
13 with 9 fatalities as a result of criminal street gang violence;  
14 one of the victims, a 6-year-old girl, was caught in the  
15 crossfire of a gang shooting as she played on the sidewalk in  
16 front of her home; for the first 3 months of 2012, gang-related  
17 murders in Chicago rose 60%, compared to the same time period  
18 last year; and

19 WHEREAS, The gang problem in Illinois extends beyond the  
20 City of Chicago; outside the metropolitan area, gangs engage in  
21 violence, burglaries, and drug-related activity harmful to  
22 Illinois citizens' safety and well-being; and

1           WHEREAS, Criminal street gangs are rapidly employing new  
2 technology, including the utilization of social media, to  
3 orchestrate drug activity and violence; and

4           WHEREAS, Governor Jim Edgar last established a study on  
5 Illinois gang problems when he established the Governor's  
6 Commission on Gangs in 1995; and

7           WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes a current need for  
8 a new task force to study and analyze the recent increase in  
9 street gang violence in Illinois; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 there is created the Illinois Task Force on Gang Violence; and  
13 be it further

14           RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall be comprised of the  
15 following members, all of whom shall serve without  
16 compensation; (1) 2 representatives, appointed by the Speaker  
17 of the Illinois House of Representatives; (2) 2  
18 representatives, appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
19 Illinois House of Representatives; (3) a representative of the  
20 Cook County State's Attorney's office, appointed by the Cook  
21 County State's Attorney; (4) a representative on behalf of the

1 State's Attorney offices in Illinois counties other than Cook  
2 County, designated by a state-wide association representing  
3 State's Attorneys; (5) a representative of the Illinois State  
4 Police, appointed by the Director of the Illinois State Police;  
5 (6) a representative from the Chicago Police Department,  
6 appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago; (7) a  
7 representative of the Cook County Sheriff's Department,  
8 appointed by the Cook County Sheriff's Department; and (8) a  
9 representative on behalf of the Sheriffs' Departments in  
10 Illinois counties other than Cook County, designated by a  
11 state-wide association representing Sheriffs; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Speaker and Minority Leader shall each  
14 designate one representative to serve as co-chairs of the Task  
15 Force; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois State Police shall provide  
17 administrative and other support to the Task Force; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force is charged with conducting  
20 subject matter hearings, which should include testimony from  
21 those individuals with knowledge of gang violence, involved  
22 with communities experiencing gang violence, or affected by  
23 gang violence; the Task Force shall then analyze the data

1 regarding the increase in gang activity in Illinois and issue a  
2 public report of its findings and recommendations to help  
3 Illinois combat street gang violence on or before January 1,  
4 2013.