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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The boundaries of the 32nd Representative District are generally in the inner city of Chicago extending to the southwest suburbs of Burbank, Bridgeview, Hickory Hills, and Justice, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The 32nd Representative District has a voting-age population of 108,734 people of various ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds; and

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WHEREAS, 27,909 of the residents of the 32nd Representative District live at or below the federal poverty level; and

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WHEREAS, The 32nd Representative District ranks in the top 3 of Representative Districts reporting incidents of violent crime; and

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WHEREAS, The Dan Ryan Expressway is that 12-mile portion of I-90/94 located in the City of Chicago spanning from approximately 95th Street to the south and Roosevelt Road to the north; and

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WHEREAS, The Dan Ryan Expressway travels through the 32nd Representative District one linear mile from 67th Street to the north and 76th Street to the south; and

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1 WHEREAS, Within the 32nd Representative District lies
2 Halsted Street, one mile west of the Dan Ryan Expressway, and
3 Cottage Grove Avenue, one mile east of the Dan Ryan Expressway;
4 this area generally encompasses the communities of Englewood
5 and Grand Crossing including the Park Manor neighborhood; and

6 WHEREAS, In November of 1985, Mayor Harold Washington
7 entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the State of
8 Illinois whereby the State of Illinois could operate Illinois
9 State Lottery kiosks at O'Hare International Airport and,
10 subsequently, Chicago Midway International Airport; and

11 WHEREAS, In November of 1985, Governor James R. Thompson
12 entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of
13 Chicago whereby the Illinois State Police would patrol the Dan
14 Ryan Expressway and all other expressways in the City of
15 Chicago; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois receives monies after the
17 imposition of fines and penalties upon those persons cited for,
18 among other things, improperly operating motor vehicles on the
19 Dan Ryan Expressway between 67th Street and 76th Street; and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois derives financial profits
21 directly from the Illinois State Lottery kiosks located at both

1 O'Hare International and Chicago Midway International
2 Airports; and

3 WHEREAS, In fact, the Illinois State Lottery posted fiscal
4 year 2013 revenues of: (1) \$4,939,990 from O'Hare International
5 Airport; (2) \$696,776 from Chicago Midway International
6 Airport; and (3) \$656,000,000 overall; and

7 WHEREAS, It will not be a financial burden on the State of
8 Illinois for the Illinois State Police to expand its patrol
9 area, from the Dan Ryan Expressway between 67th Street and 76th
10 Street one linear mile east and one linear mile west, to
11 support efforts at combating violent crime in the State of
12 Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Since as late as 1999, the Illinois State Police
14 was dispatched to and patrolled the City of East St. Louis,
15 Illinois to support efforts to combat crime in the State of
16 Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, As of the date of the filing of this resolution,
18 over 700 registered voters, within the 2 mile rectangular
19 boundary of the Dan Ryan Expressway between 67th Street and
20 76th Street, have signed a petition imploring the Governor of
21 the State of Illinois to dispatch the Illinois State Police,
22 with all deliberate speed, to that specific area within the

1 32nd Representative District for a reasonable period of time;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, These 700 affected residents of the 32nd
4 Representative District have stated that they are in immediate
5 need of assistance and relief to protect their health, safety
6 and welfare; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 there is created the Englewood Violent Crime Task Force within
10 the Illinois State Police, to consist of the following:

11 (1) the Governor, or his or her designee;

12 (2) the Mayor of the City of Chicago, or his or her
13 designee;

14 (3) the Mayor of the City of East St. Louis, or his or
15 her designee;

16 (4) the Illinois Attorney General, or his or her
17 designee;

18 (5) a member of the Illinois State's Attorneys
19 Association appointed by the President of the Association;

20 (6) a member of the Cook County Bar Association
21 appointed by the President of the Association;

22 (7) two members of the Illinois House of
23 Representatives chosen by the Speaker of the Illinois House
24 of Representatives, one of whom shall serve as co-chair;

1 (8) two members of the Illinois House of
2 Representatives chosen by the Minority Leader of the
3 Illinois House of Representatives;

4 (9) the President of the Park Manor Neighbors Community
5 Council;

6 (10) the Executive Director of Project Brotherhood;

7 (11) the President of the Student Government
8 Association at the University of Illinois at Chicago;

9 (12) the President of the Student Government
10 Association at Chicago State University;

11 (13) the Director of Corrections, or his or her
12 designee who must:

13 (A) be from the Division of Parole;

14 (B) be an active field agent; and

15 (C) possess at least a master's degree in criminal
16 justice or criminology;

17 (14) a faculty member of the Department of Criminology,
18 Law & Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago
19 appointed by the President of the University of Illinois;

20 (15) a member of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
21 appointed by the chairman of the board of the Chicagoland
22 Chamber of Commerce;

23 (16) a member of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce
24 appointed by the chairman of the board of the Illinois
25 Chamber of Commerce; and

26 (17) a member of the Illinois Retail Merchants

1 Association appointed by the President/CEO of the Illinois
2 Retail Merchants Association; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That all appointments shall be made no later than
4 45 days following the adoption of this resolution; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study and determine the
7 causes of violent crime in Englewood and nearby affected
8 communities; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study and determine the
10 feasibility of deploying the Illinois State Police to Englewood
11 and nearby affected communities and neighborhoods; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall develop a comprehensive
14 long-term solution to the effect of violent crime in Englewood
15 and nearby affected communities; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall recommend a plan of
17 action to substantially reduce the incidents of violent crime
18 in Englewood and nearby affected communities; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall draft any necessary
20 legislation and make any necessary recommendations for

1 appropriations for the General Assembly to pass and the
2 Governor to sign to place the plan of action into immediate
3 effect; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings and
5 recommendations and submit any and all proposed legislation to
6 the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31,
7 2015; 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 from the funds appropriated
11 for that purpose from the Illinois State Lottery; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
14 the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, the
15 Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, the
16 Governor of the State of Illinois, and the Director of State
17 Police.