

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The presence of mold in indoor environments  
3 presents a public health risk to the citizens of Illinois;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mold in schools, places of employment, and homes  
6 has been shown to adversely affect the health of Illinois'  
7 children and senior citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, The adverse health effects of exposure to molds  
9 on the general population and the specific effects of mold on  
10 certain subpopulations, including infants, children, the  
11 elderly, pregnant women, asthmatics, allergic individuals,  
12 immune-comprised individuals, and others are resulting in  
13 illness and increased medical costs; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection  
15 Agency has promulgated advisory standards relating to  
16 permissible levels of mold in indoor environments; and

17 WHEREAS, The State of California has passed an Act  
18 regulating mold in indoor environments, including residential  
19 homes and places of employment; and

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Health of the City of New York  
21 has also adopted standards regulating mold exposure; and

22 WHEREAS, Insurance costs in the State of Texas and other  
23 states have risen dramatically due to claims relating to mold  
24 in homes, businesses, and schools; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
27 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a Joint Task  
28 Force on Mold in Indoor Environments for the purpose of  
29 examining the mold issue in Illinois and making  
30 recommendations to the General Assembly pertaining to the

1 regulation of mold in indoor environments in Illinois; and be  
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force on Mold in Indoor  
4 Environments shall be comprised as follows: 2  
5 co-chairpersons, each a member of the General Assembly  
6 appointed one each by the Speaker of the House and the  
7 President of the Senate; 2 spokespersons, each a member of  
8 the General Assembly appointed one each by the Minority  
9 Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate;  
10 the Director of Public Health, or his or her designee; and  
11 the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency,  
12 or his or her designee; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the co-chairpersons shall appoint the  
14 remaining members, which shall not exceed 15 and shall  
15 represent the following: local health authorities; medical  
16 experts on the health effects of molds; school districts;  
17 realtors; the insurance industry; abatement contractors;  
18 abatement consultants; certified industrial hygienists;  
19 licensed environmental health practitioners; representatives  
20 of employers; representatives of employees; tenants  
21 organizations; building owner organizations; and any other  
22 interested parties; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force members shall serve  
24 on a voluntary basis and shall be responsible for any costs  
25 associated with their participation in the Joint Task Force;  
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force shall meet at least  
28 quarterly and shall summarize its findings and  
29 recommendations in a report to the General Assembly no later  
30 than June 1, 2004.