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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly declares that it is the policy of this State to promote peace and friendship with African nations and to promote the success of the descendants of persons from Africa who reside in this State through the creation of the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade; and

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WHEREAS, the purposes of the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade shall be as follows: to make available to interested African nations men and women of this State qualified for service abroad and willing to serve under conditions of hardship if necessary in order to help the peoples of African nations in meeting their needs for trained manpower, particularly in meeting the basic needs of those living in the poorest areas of those countries; to help promote a better understanding of the citizens of this State on the part of the peoples served and a better understanding of other peoples on the part of the citizens of this State; and to provide emergency resources, especially human resources, to failing schools in the urban inner-city areas of this State in order to provide those failing schools with their need for trained manpower in meeting the basic and remedial educational needs of African-American students; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade Task Force consisting of 5 members appointed as follows: 3 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom shall be designated the chairperson by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, all of whom shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed

1 for their reasonable and necessary expenses from funds  
2 appropriated for that purpose; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study various issues  
4 relating to the promotion of peace and friendship with  
5 African nations and the promotion of the success of Illinois  
6 residents who are descendants of persons from Africa through  
7 the creation of the Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade;  
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall receive the  
10 assistance of legislative staff, may employ skilled experts  
11 with the approval of the House of Representatives, and shall  
12 report its findings to the General Assembly on or before  
13 March 31, 2004.