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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Virtually every week there are media reports of
3 tragedies and crimes involving handguns; and

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WHEREAS, The illegal influx of firearms into the State of
5 Illinois causes risk and harm to law enforcement officers and
6 to the law-abiding residents of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Individuals who are not legally authorized to
8 possess firearms in Illinois commit crimes with guns that
9 result in murders, serious injuries, and significant property
10 losses; and

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WHEREAS, Although there are exceptions related to law
12 enforcement and private security functions, the State of
13 Illinois at this time does not have a law permitting the
14 concealed carry of a handgun; and

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WHEREAS, The general public and members of the General
16 Assembly could benefit from a study of how a change in the law
17 in Illinois to permit the concealed carry of a handgun could be
18 expected to impact communities, law enforcement, the illegal
19 influx of firearms into the State, and the nature and number of
20 serious gun crimes; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 there is created the Firearm Public Awareness Task Force; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the task force is charged with finding and
6 analyzing data from states that have concealed carry laws,
7 especially those states with significant similarities to
8 Illinois; the inquiry and study should include information
9 about the types and number of crimes involving handguns before
10 and after the date that a concealed carry law went into effect
11 in each state and particularly for the following categories:
12 violent gun crimes; suicides by firearm; number of guns, or gun
13 owners, legally registered; number of registered guns stolen or
14 number of guns stolen from registered gun owners; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the task force should additionally gather
17 information from similar states with concealed carry laws
18 concerning: the number and nature of serious crimes committed
19 by persons who were lawfully carrying a concealed weapon at the
20 time of the crime; and the number of people killed or injured
21 when a person who was lawfully carrying a concealed weapon used
22 the concealed weapon or made known to the assailant that he or
23 she was carrying a concealed weapon; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the task force should also consider, if a
2 concealed carry law is passed in Illinois, how public safety
3 could be maintained, whether a change in the law would create a
4 need for police sensitivity training, and what type of public
5 information campaign about a concealed carry law would be
6 appropriate; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the task force shall be comprised of the
8 following members, all of whom shall serve without
9 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and
10 necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose:

11 (1) ten representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
12 House of Representatives;

13 (2) two representatives appointed by the Minority
14 Leader of the House of Representatives;

15 (3) a representative of the Department of State Police
16 appointed by the Director of the Department;

17 (4) a representative of the Cook County Sheriff's
18 office appointed by the Cook County Sheriff;

19 (5) a representative of the Cook County State's
20 Attorney's office appointed by the Cook County State's
21 Attorney;

22 (6) a representative of the Illinois State's
23 Attorneys' Association appointed by the head of that
24 organization;

25 (7) a representative of the Illinois Fraternal Order of

1 Police appointed by the head of that organization;

2 (8) a representative of the Illinois Sheriffs
3 Association appointed by the head of that organization;

4 (9) a representative of The National Rifle Association
5 of America appointed by the head of that organization;

6 (10) a representative of CeaseFire appointed by the
7 head of that organization;

8 (11) a representative of the Illinois State Rifle
9 Association appointed by the head of that organization;

10 (12) a representative of the Illinois Council Against
11 Handgun Violence appointed by the head of that
12 organization; and

13 (13) a representative from the Illinois Firearms
14 Manufacturers Association appointed by the head of that
15 organization; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Speaker shall designate a member of the
17 task force to serve as the chairperson; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the members of the task force shall be
19 reimbursed for their travel expenses from appropriations to the
20 Department of State Police available for that purpose and
21 subject to the rules of the appropriate travel control board;
22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Department of State Police shall provide

1 administrative and other support to the task force; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the task force shall hold public hearings
4 and shall issue a written report of its findings and
5 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before March 1,
6 2012; and that upon filing its report the task force is
7 dissolved.