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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, All aspects of transportation in the State of Illinois and throughout the United States are in need of serious infrastructure improvements; and

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WHEREAS, Passenger rail and freight transportation has become a topic of serious debate when it comes to the conditions of railroad tracks and bridges on which trains travel; and

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WHEREAS, It is of utter importance that the State of Illinois and the United States strive to improve the infrastructure on which these trains travel; and

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WHEREAS, With the infrastructure of railroad tracks and bridges needing repair, it is necessary to identify the tracks and bridges that are in serious need of repair so that construction can be done to ensure the safety of passengers and travel of freight trains; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Task Force on Railroad and Bridge Infrastructure, consisting of members appointed as follows: the President of the Illinois Senate or his or her designee; the Minority Leader of the

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1 Illinois Senate or his or her designee; the Illinois Secretary
2 of Transportation or his or her designee; the Executive
3 Director of the Regional Transportation Authority or his or her
4 designee; the Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board or his or
5 her designee; the Chairman of Metra or his or her designee; and
6 a member representing freight rail service to be appointed by
7 the chair of the task force; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force can appoint members as it
9 determines to serve as representatives of passenger and freight
10 transportation entities or other concerned parties; the Task
11 Force may request assistance from any entity necessary or
12 useful for the performance of its duties; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall conduct in-depth
14 research to identify the railroad tracks and bridges that are
15 in need of repair so that the necessary infrastructure repairs
16 can be done; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Secretary of Transportation
18 shall serve as the chair of the Task Force; the Task Force
19 shall meet at the call of the chair; the members of the Task
20 Force shall serve without compensation; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
22 shall provide staffing support to the Task Force and shall

1 administer and prepare all reports deemed necessary in
2 conjunction with the Task Force; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall issue a report with its
4 recommendations to the members of the Illinois House of
5 Representatives on or before December 31, 2013.