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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Joint Resolution 53, AS
3 AMENDED, by replacing everything after the heading with the
4 following:

5 "WHEREAS, The unintended or uncontrolled breeding of cats
6 leads to the births of thousands of kittens annually, many of
7 whom become feral cats, often referred to as "community cats";
8 and

9 WHEREAS, There is a need to preserve wildlife, improve cat
10 welfare, maintain property rights, and enhance public health by
11 humanely managing and limiting the growth of the number of
12 feral cats in Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Feral cats are often impounded and killed, at
14 great expense to the community; and

1 WHEREAS, Trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return programs
2 attempt to manage and limit the growth of the number of feral
3 or community cats; and

4 WHEREAS, Management of feral cats is also affected by local
5 government ordinances; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois Animal Population Control Fund plays
7 an important role in helping communities pay for community
8 control efforts; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 CONCURRING HEREIN, that a Feral Cat Task Force be appointed to
12 examine the Animal Control Act, the Humane Care for Animals
13 Act, the Animal Welfare Act, and any other relevant statutory
14 provisions, including the Illinois Animal Population Control
15 Fund, other trap, neuter, and return programs in other states,
16 trap and adopt programs, or other proposed solutions to this
17 issue and make comprehensive written recommendations for
18 change that would result in the effective management of feral
19 and community cats, preserve wildlife, improve cat welfare,
20 maintain property rights, and enhance public health; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the

1 following members:

2 (1) the President of the Senate, or his designee;

3 (2) the Speaker of the House or his designee;

4 (3) the Minority Leader of the Senate or her designee;

5 (4) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives or
6 his designee

7 (5) a representative appointed by the Department of Public
8 Health;

9 (6) a representative appointed by the Department of
10 Agriculture;

11 (7) a representative appointed by the Department of Natural
12 Resources;

13 (8) a representative appointed by the Illinois State
14 Veterinary Medical Association;

15 (9) a representative appointed by the Illinois
16 Environmental Council;

17 (10) a representative who is a county animal control
18 administrator from a county of over 4 million residents;

19 (11) a representative who is on the Board of the Alliance
20 for Contraception in Cats & Dogs (ACCD) appointed by the
21 University of Illinois School of Veterinary Medicine;

22 (12) a representative appointed by Best Friends Animal
23 Society;

24 (13) a representative appointed by the Illinois Farm
25 Bureau;

26 (14) a representative appointed by the Illinois Humane

1 Society;

2 (15) a representative appointed by the Illinois Chapter of
3 the Sierra Club;

4 (16) a representative appointed by the Illinois Audubon
5 Society;

6 (17) a representative appointed by the Illinois Wildlife
7 Society who is a certified wildlife biologist;

8 (18) a representative appointed by the County Animal
9 Controls of Illinois who is currently employed as an Animal
10 Control Administrator or an Animal Control Warden in a
11 county with a population of less than 2 million; and

12 (19) a representative from the Tree House Humane Society;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Task Force members shall select a
15 Chairperson from among themselves; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That appointments to the Task Force must be made
17 by December 31, 2016; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold at least two
19 hearings, which shall be held in geographically separate
20 regions of the State; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Task Force members shall receive no
22 compensation, and shall conclude all business by March 1, 2017;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Health shall
3 provide administrative support to the Task Force; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
7 House, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority
8 Leader of the House of Representatives."