

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Blood banks across the State rely 100 percent on
3 blood donated on a voluntary basis; and

4 WHEREAS, Less than 60 percent of the general population
5 is eligible to donate blood; and

6 WHEREAS, Less than 5 percent of the general population
7 actually donates blood; and

8 WHEREAS, New FDA regulations, which restrict blood
9 donations from anyone who has spent extended time in the
10 United Kingdom and France, will go into effect by May 31,
11 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, Further FDA regulations, which restrict blood
13 donations from anyone who has spent extended time in Western
14 Europe, will go into effect by October 31, 2002; and

15 WHEREAS, Some major cities such as New York, which rely
16 on Europe for a third of their blood, will turn to the rest
17 of the country's blood centers for assistance; and

18 WHEREAS, Many Americans, including military personnel,
19 who have spent extensive time in the United Kingdom and
20 Western Europe, will be ineligible to donate blood;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 a special task force be convened by the Secretary of State to
25 address the need to increase blood donations across the
26 State; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, Each of the following organizations shall
28 select one person to serve on the task force: the Central
29 Illinois Community Blood Center, Community Blood Services of
30 Illinois, Heartland Blood Centers, LifeSource Blood Services,

1 Northern Illinois Blood Bank, Inc., the American College of
2 Surgeons, the American Red Cross of Illinois, the Illinois
3 Hospital Association, and the Illinois State Medical Society;
4 in addition, the Director of Public Health and the Mayor of
5 the City of Chicago shall each select one person to serve on
6 the task force, and the Secretary of State may select other
7 interested parties to serve on the task force; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the task force shall make recommendations
10 for a statewide blood donation awareness campaign, preparing
11 for blood shortages in a disaster, and overall plans for
12 increasing donations; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the task force submit its report to the
14 House of Representatives before January 8, 2003; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent
17 to the Secretary of State.