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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Subsection (b) of Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/25-10) requires the Legislative Ethics Commission to diligently search for qualified candidates for the Legislative Inspector General position and to make recommendations to the General Assembly, which shall appoint a Legislative Inspector General by joint resolution; and

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WHEREAS, Subsection (b) of Section 25-10 further states that the Legislative Inspector General shall be selected solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability and sets forth the necessary educational and employment criteria; and

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WHEREAS, The Honorable Michael P. McCuskey was appointed to serve as Legislative Inspector General on February 23, 2022 to complete a 5-year term that expires on June 30, 2023 and has communicated to the Legislative Ethics Commission his willingness to be reappointed to serve as Legislative Inspector General for a 5-year term that begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2028; and

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WHEREAS, At its last meeting, the Legislative Ethics Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the General

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1 Assembly retain Judge McCuskey as Legislative Inspector  
2 General; and

3 WHEREAS, Judge McCuskey is an individual of high integrity  
4 and demonstrated ability who, as a former public defender and  
5 judge, has led an exemplary career of public service that more  
6 than qualifies him to continue serving as the Legislative  
7 Inspector General; and

8 WHEREAS, A native of Peoria, Judge McCuskey was admitted  
9 to the Illinois bar in 1975 and has dedicated his professional  
10 life to work that has demonstrated his commitment to  
11 integrity, professionalism, and ethics; and

12 WHEREAS, After serving for over a decade as the chief  
13 public defender in Marshall County, Judge McCuskey was elected  
14 in 1988 as an Illinois circuit court judge for the Tenth  
15 Judicial Circuit; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge McCuskey was elected to the Illinois  
17 Appellate Court for the Third Judicial District in 1990, where  
18 he served until 1998; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge McCuskey was nominated for the United  
20 States District Court for the Central District of Illinois by  
21 President Bill Clinton and confirmed by a

1 Republican-controlled United States Senate in 1998, serving as  
2 Chief Judge of the District from 2004 to 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, Upon retirement from the federal bench in 2014,  
4 Judge McCuskey was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to  
5 serve again as a State circuit court judge for the Tenth  
6 Judicial District, a post to which he was subsequently elected  
7 by voters in 2016; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge McCuskey retired from the court in 2020;  
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10 WHEREAS, Judge McCuskey served on the Illinois Supreme  
11 Court's Commission on Professionalism for nearly 15 years,  
12 first as a commissioner and then as an advisor until he  
13 retired; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge McCuskey currently serves on the Board of  
15 Directors of the Illinois Judges Association and formerly  
16 served as Chairman of the Illinois State University Board of  
17 Trustees; and

18 WHEREAS, Judge McCuskey's extensive experience,  
19 appointments, and professional activities overwhelmingly  
20 qualify him for the position of Legislative Inspector General,  
21 an office that necessitates both keen intellect and insight

1 into the personal and professional motivations of persons  
2 acting in the public realm; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we reappoint the Honorable  
6 Michael P. McCuskey as Legislative Inspector General in  
7 accordance with subsection (b) of Section 25-10 of the State  
8 Officials and Employees Ethics Act, endorsing him  
9 wholeheartedly as surpassing all statutory requirements and  
10 ensuring that his sterling character and dedication to  
11 government service will enhance the Office of Legislative  
12 Inspector General and benefit the administration of the  
13 ethical foundation on which Illinois legislators and  
14 legislative employees operate; and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That, in accordance with subsection (b) of  
16 Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,  
17 the reappointment of Legislative Inspector General McCuskey  
18 takes effect upon the adoption of this joint resolution by the  
19 affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members elected to  
20 each house of the General Assembly, the certification of this  
21 joint resolution by the Speaker of the House of  
22 Representatives and the President of the Senate, and the  
23 filing of this joint resolution with the Secretary of State;  
24 and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That, in accordance with subsection (b) of  
2           Section 25-10 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act,  
3           Legislative Inspector General McCuskey's next term as  
4           Legislative Inspector General shall commence upon July 1, 2023  
5           and continue through June 30, 2028; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to  
7           Legislative Inspector General McCuskey and the Legislative  
8           Ethics Commission.