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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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;
9 and

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.