

Media Advisory...

from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford Resolution Requests Study on Slave Reparations

SPRINGFIELD, IL – On Thursday, March 3, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, will present his House Resolution 1011 to the Restorative Justice Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives in Springfield requesting that President Obama commission a study on slave reparations in the United States.

“Many years ago, it was promised to slaves and the descendants of slaves that they would be repaid not only for the forced labor that helped build this country to its current greatness, but for the terror that was slavery,” said Ford. “Given the real history of our country and the role slavery played in it, launching a commission to study slavery and the role of reparations is appropriate.”

Ford is the Chairman of the House Restorative Justice Committee and will be presenting House Resolution 1011. This initiative requests that President Obama launch a federal commission to study to detail the economic impact of the slave trade and the use of slave labor; and how Emancipation, while freeing them of their literal bonds, and ending an immoral practice, did not guarantee equality in education, employment, housing, and access to quality affordable health care; that this study also include an analysis for how reparations for past harms have benefited the ethnic groups that have received them during the course of American history; and a proposal for reparations to the descendants of slaves in America, and how those reparations can help overcome obstacles that still exist today in education, employment, housing, health care, and justice.

WHO:	State Rep. La Shawn Ford & the House Restorative Justice Committee
WHAT:	House Restorative Justice Committee Meeting – Resolution on Reparations
WHEN:	Thursday, March 3, 2016, 9 a.m.
WHERE:	Stratton Building, Room C-1 401 S. Spring St. Springfield, IL

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Ford’s constituent service office at 773-378-5902 or repford@lashawnford.com.

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