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## **FORD ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

*Legislator Motivated to Start Making a Difference for His District*

**SPRINGFIELD** – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) announced Friday that he is proud to be representing the people of his district on several committees during this spring’s legislative session.

“I am excited to be a new member of the House of Representatives and to start working for the people of the 8<sup>th</sup> district,” Ford said. “I want to make a real difference starting now, and that’s why I am looking forward to serving on both the new and already-existing committees. It gives me the chance to learn from my colleagues who have been here a while and make my own mark at the same time.”

As someone who was adopted himself, Ford is pleased to serve on the new special House Committee on Adoption Reform. He was also appointed to another of the four Special Committees, Pension Funds Management. Both committees were formed at the beginning of the new 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Ford is also a member of the following committees: Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary Education, Computer Technology, Elections and Campaign Reform, and Local Government. Being a member of established and newly-formed committees allows Ford opportunities to consider legislation that may change peoples’ lives in positive and creative ways.

“Since I was adopted, I feel strongly about my ability to bring a fresh perspective to the entire adoption process,” Ford said. “As a former teacher, I also know the types of funding problems facing Illinois’ schools. My background is diverse, which lets me approach every assignment with a different focus. Still, my goal is always to do what is right for my constituents and all the people of Illinois.”

While in Springfield, Ford wants to remind his constituents that his service office in Chicago will remain open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to help with issues important to them. For more information, anyone may contact his Springfield office at (217) 782-5962.

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