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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, According to new research from the United Nations, growing antimicrobial resistance linked to the discharge of drugs and some chemicals into the environment is one of the most worrying health threats today; and

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WHEREAS, Studies have linked the misuse of antibiotics in humans and agriculture over the last several decades to increasing resistance, but the role of the environment and pollution has received little attention; and

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WHEREAS, Clear evidence shows that antimicrobial compounds from households, hospitals, pharmaceutical facilities, and agricultural run-off released into the environment, combined with direct contact between natural bacterial communities and discharged resistant bacteria, is driving bacterial evolution and the emergence of more resistant strains; and

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WHEREAS, Evidence shows that multi-drug resistant bacteria are prevalent in marine waters and sediments close to aquaculture, industrial, and municipal discharges; and

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WHEREAS, Careless disposal of antibiotics could produce "ferocious superbugs" United Nations environment experts warn that have resistance to current antibiotics; therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the U.S.  
3 Congress to review existing federal laws for the disposal of  
4 unused antibiotics and to pass new laws to prevent the creation  
5 of "superbugs" and to fund research into the treatment of, and  
6 creation of, new drugs to fight antibiotic resistant  
7 "superbugs"; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
9 delivered to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Majority  
10 Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck  
11 Schumer, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, U.S. House of  
12 Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all members  
13 of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.