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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1397

2 WHEREAS, According to new research from the United Nations,  
3 growing antimicrobial resistance linked to the careless  
4 disposal of drugs and some chemicals is one of the most  
5 worrying health threats today; and

6 WHEREAS, Studies have linked the misuse of antibiotics over  
7 the last several decades to increasing resistance, but the role  
8 of the antibiotic disposal has received little attention; and

9 WHEREAS, Improvements in the use of medically important  
10 antibiotics will help maintain these important tools for  
11 disease treatment and control; and

12 WHEREAS, United Nations environmental scientists warn that  
13 careless disposal of antibiotics could produce antibiotic  
14 resistant bacteria; and

15 WHEREAS, Solving the issue will mean addressing the  
16 disposal of antibiotic pharmaceuticals; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the U.S.  
19 Congress to review existing federal laws for the disposal of  
20 unused antibiotics and to pass new laws to prevent the creation

1 of antibiotic resistant bacteria and to fund research into the  
2 treatment of, and creation of, new drugs to fight antibiotic  
3 resistant bacteria; and be it further

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