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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, January is National Radon Action Month, and all Illinois citizens are strongly encouraged to test their homes for radon; and

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WHEREAS, Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that may threaten the health of our citizens and their families; and

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WHEREAS, Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

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WHEREAS, The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon is responsible for approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year; and

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WHEREAS, One in 15 homes across the U.S. has an elevated radon level, and 41% of homes tested for radon in Illinois have high radon levels; and

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WHEREAS, Any home in Illinois may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and elevated levels pose a serious health threat to residents; and

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1           WHEREAS, Testing for radon is simple and inexpensive; and

2           WHEREAS, Identified radon problems can be fixed; and

3           WHEREAS, The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the  
4 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are supporting efforts to  
5 encourage homeowners to test their homes for radon, mitigate  
6 elevated levels of radon, and build new homes with  
7 radon-resistant materials and features; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare January  
10 2024 as Radon Action Month in the State of Illinois; and be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 presented to Midwest AARST, the Illinois Emergency Management  
14 Agency, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.