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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, All citizens of Illinois should be made aware of the ever-present dangers posed by potentially poisonous household substances; and

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WHEREAS, Children too often have access to over-the-counter and prescription medications and potentially toxic household products; and

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WHEREAS, Over the past 49 years, the nation has been observing National Poison Prevention Month to help prevent accidental poisonings and to provide tips for promoting community involvement in poison prevention; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center is a mainstay in the emergency medical care system of this State and is recognized nationally for its contributions to poison treatment and prevention; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center is a key component of the State's bioterrorism readiness network, standing ready to assist the Department of Public Health and local authorities in the event of a biochemical or radiation incident; and

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WHEREAS, Fifty percent of the nearly 90,000 poisonings

1 reported last year to the Illinois Poison Center involved
2 children under the age of 6 and could have been prevented; and

3 WHEREAS, More than 90% of the calls received from the
4 public are treated over the phone, quickly and safely by
5 experienced, highly qualified staff of the Illinois Poison
6 Center; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center saves this State more
8 than \$50,000,000 in unnecessary health care costs; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we hereby proclaim
12 March 2012 as Illinois Poison Prevention Month in Illinois and
13 encourage all citizens to learn more about the Illinois Poison
14 Center's prevention programs that alert citizens on the
15 continuous problem of accidental poisonings and steps that can
16 be taken to create healthy and safe home, play, and work
17 environments.