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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated every April to bring about
3 sustainable practices to support environmental protection; and

4 WHEREAS, Bring Your Own Bag Illinois is a State effort to
5 raise awareness of the sustainable benefits of bringing your
6 own bag when you shop; and

7 WHEREAS, Plastic bags consume non-renewable resources;
8 they are often thrown away and become litter, which pollutes
9 our waterways and clogs our storm drains; and

10 WHEREAS, Plastic bags endanger local wildlife that ingest
11 bags or become entangled in bags; and

12 WHEREAS, Reducing the use of single use disposable plastic
13 shopping bags will keep plastic bags out of our landfills, help
14 reduce plastic bag litter, prevent clogged storm drains, and
15 protect our wildlife; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 designate April of 2017 as Bring Your Own Bag Month in the
19 State of Illinois and call upon all residents to bring reusable
20 shopping bags instead of plastic shopping bags with the goal of

1 changing our dependence on plastic shopping bags.