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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Some 28 million school lunches are served up each
3 weekday across the country; and

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WHEREAS, Since 1990, more than 5,000 students and workers
5 have gotten sick from eating what has been served in their
6 lunchrooms; and

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WHEREAS, There are growing questions about food safety in
8 our nation's school cafeterias; and

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WHEREAS, Health violations have included rats, mice, and
roaches in cafeterias, meat not cooked at the right
temperatures, foods not kept at the right temperatures on the
food service lines, the presence of toxic materials, like those
used for cleaning that are not labeled and property stored,
cafeteria workers not washing their hands, cafeteria workers
with illnesses working on the serving lines, unclean food
preparation area, utensils and equipments, and food
unprotected from cross-contamination; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Tribune has previously reported on
problems in several Chicago schools; and

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WHEREAS, NBC News has recently reported similar health
problems in other school districts located in St. Louis, New
York City, Washington D.C., Nashville, and San Diego; and

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WHEREAS, Last year in response to this school health
crisis, United States Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois
introduced the Safe School Food Act into the United States
Senate; and

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WHEREAS, The Safe School Food Act calls for better training
of cafeteria workers and higher standards for those who supply

1 food to the school lunch program; and

2 WHEREAS, Taxpayer dollars are used to pay for school lunch
3 programs and should not be used for programs that are
4 substandard and lead to the illness of students; therefore, be
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6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 call upon the United States Congress to immediately pass the
9 Safe School Food Act; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent
11 to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the
12 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and to each member of the
13 Illinois congressional delegation.