



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois wishes to alert and educate  
3 the citizens of this State of potential dangers in their  
4 environment; and

5 WHEREAS, Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, and  
6 chemically inert radioactive gas that is naturally produced  
7 from the breakdown of uranium; this gas is present in soil,  
8 rock, and water; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Surgeon General has warned that  
10 radon is one of the leading causes of lung cancer in the United  
11 States, second only to smoking; and

12 WHEREAS, Unlike carbon monoxide and many other home  
13 pollutants, radon's adverse health effect, lung cancer, is  
14 usually not produced immediately; a person may be exposed to  
15 radon for many years without ever suspecting its presence in  
16 the home; and

17 WHEREAS, Radon has been found in homes throughout Illinois,  
18 particularly in central and northern Illinois; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we urge the residents of Illinois to purchase a low-cost radon  
22 test kit or contact a licensed radon contractor to test their  
23 homes for radon concentrations; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That we urge school districts to help protect  
25 their students and employees by having every school tested for  
26 radon; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That we urge licensed radon contractors and  
28 residents who do self tests of their homes to report the

1 results of the radon testing to the Illinois Emergency  
2 Management Agency so that accurate data may be maintained; and  
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we urge lending institutions to offer low  
5 interest loans to home owners for the purpose of mitigating  
6 excessive radon concentration levels.