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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Worldwide exposure to chemical pesticides brings  
3 about greater harm than most people realize; and

4 WHEREAS, More than 3 billion kilograms of pesticides are  
5 spread on the earth annually, exposing both human and wildlife  
6 populations to chemicals, with potentially serious  
7 repercussions for life everywhere; and

8 WHEREAS, Our children are uniquely vulnerable to chemical  
9 pesticides due to their developing physiology and to their  
10 habit of frequently putting their hands into their mouths; and

11 WHEREAS, Chemical pesticides applied outdoors are washed  
12 into our waterways and our drinking water sources; several  
13 types of cancer, neurological diseases, endocrine disorders,  
14 and birth defects have all been associated with exposure to  
15 common pesticides; and

16 WHEREAS, Pregnant women, children, asthmatics, cancer  
17 patients, the elderly, and other immune compromised people and  
18 migratory birds are all highly vulnerable to toxic effects of  
19 chemical pesticides; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 40 years ago, the well-known writer,

1 scientist, and ecologist Rachel Carson alerted America and the  
2 world to the potential hazards of pesticides in her landmark  
3 book, *Silent Spring*; despite the warning, the quantity of  
4 pesticides used in our country has continued to grow over the  
5 years and poses a potential threat to all life forms;  
6 therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 proclaim May 27, 2007 as Rachel Carson Day throughout the State  
10 of Illinois in honor of her prophetic work, and urge the  
11 citizens of the State of Illinois to focus their attention on  
12 the potentially serious hazards associated with chemical  
13 pesticides; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That we invite citizens throughout the State of  
15 Illinois to observe this day, the birth date of Rachel Carson,  
16 by refraining from using chemical pesticides on this day and  
17 ask the citizens of the State of Illinois for their cooperation  
18 in seeking alternative methods of pest management.