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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Chemistry is essential to human life, through  
3 applications such as agriculture, the protection of public  
4 health, and innovative technologies that save energy and  
5 improve quality of life; and

6           WHEREAS, The products of chemistry can pose risks that, if  
7 improperly controlled or regulated, can threaten human health  
8 or the environment; and

9           WHEREAS, The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) of 1976  
10 was enacted by Congress to give the United States Environmental  
11 Protection Agency the authority to require testing and to  
12 impose restrictions on industrial chemicals produced or  
13 imported into the United States; and

14           WHEREAS, Under its TSCA authority the U.S. EPA has required  
15 testing of chemicals that may pose a risk to the environment or  
16 to human-health, requires reporting of substantial risks to  
17 human health and the environment from chemicals, and can ban  
18 the manufacture and import of those chemicals that pose such  
19 risks; and

20           WHEREAS, Advances in technology now allow the detection of  
21 chemicals at very low levels in the environment and the human

1 body, at levels that until recently were unable to be detected;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Analytical testing has become so sophisticated  
4 that a National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council  
5 Committee on Human Biomonitoring has declared that tremendous  
6 challenges surround the use of biomonitoring information  
7 because the ability to detect chemicals in the body far exceeds  
8 the ability to determine what such data means to public health;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has cautioned  
11 that the mere presence of a chemical in the human body is not  
12 an indication that the chemical causes disease; that toxicity  
13 of a chemical is related to its dose or concentration in  
14 addition to a person's individual susceptibility; and

15 WHEREAS, Regulations on the production and import of  
16 chemicals is best addressed at the federal level to avoid  
17 disruptions in trade and commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, TSCA provides U.S. EPA the authority and  
19 flexibility to adapt regulatory controls on chemicals as the  
20 science of detection and risk evolves; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 the U.S. EPA and the Congress of the United States ensure that  
3 the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 provides the necessary  
4 statutory and regulatory controls necessary to protect human  
5 health and the environment from the risks of industrial  
6 chemicals; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,  
9 the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
10 the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader  
11 of the United States House of Representatives, and to each  
12 member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.