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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Even though wireless telephones are small, the
3 sheer number of the devices sold across the State of Illinois
4 presents environmental challenges; and

5 WHEREAS, Wireless telephones consume energy and can be a
6 disposal problem; and

7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there will be more than
8 1,000,000,000 wireless telephones sold worldwide next year;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Continued advances in technology permit the
11 industry to introduce new models with increased function and
12 regulations allow consumers to retain their cell phone numbers
13 when switching service providers; and

14 WHEREAS, There is no other consumer electronic device that
15 is often replaced every 18 months; and

16 WHEREAS, Wireless take-back and refurbishment and
17 recycling programs are national, voluntary, self-funding, and
18 have existed for many years; and

19 WHEREAS, Wireless industry guidelines are agnostic with

1 respect to handset types, brands, or where the handsets and
2 accessories are turned back; and

3 WHEREAS, The markets for used wireless phones are different
4 from most of the electronics industry with one market for
5 refurbished phones and one market for recycled materials; and

6 WHEREAS, The industry expects that design changes required
7 for the sale or import of wireless telephones in the European
8 Union will also be applied to products marketed and sold in the
9 United States; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 70% of a wireless phone can be recycled;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that it is important for manufacturers of
15 wireless telephones to design products with environmentally
16 friendly materials to the extent practicable; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That manufacturers of wireless telephones design
18 these products to use less energy; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That manufacturers and retailers of wireless
20 telephones accept, at no charge, up to 10 used wireless

1 telephones from any person during the normal business hours of
2 such business; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That manufacturers and retailers of wireless
4 telephones work to foster responsible stewardship practices
5 among customers, suppliers, stakeholders, and employees; and
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That manufacturers of wireless telephones and
8 retailers of wireless telephones arrange for the collection and
9 shipping and the refurbishment or recycling of wireless
10 telephones by partners committed to environmentally sound
11 practices for recycling and reuse; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That manufacturers and retailers of wireless
13 telephones inform customers of ways in which they can help
14 ensure the environmentally sound disposition of used wireless
15 devices; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That manufacturers and retailers of wireless
17 phones make information regarding the take-back of used
18 wireless devices publicly available in avenues appropriate for
19 the business type, including store signs, website posting, or
20 other media; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That manufacturers and retailers of wireless

1 telephones regularly re-evaluate the reuse and recycling plans
2 so that they will continue to provide an easy system for
3 collection, reuse, and recycling of wireless telephones.