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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is a type of staphylococcal infection that is resistant to treatment with the usual antibiotics; and

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WHEREAS, The proportion of infections which are antimicrobial resistant in the United States has grown from 2% in 1974 to 63% in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, MRSA occurs most frequently among individuals in hospitals and health care facilities, particularly the elderly, those undergoing dialysis, and those with surgical wounds; and

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WHEREAS, Individuals infected with MRSA are most likely to have longer and more expensive hospital stays; and

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WHEREAS, Clusters of MRSA have been reported since 2000 among competitive sports teams, where it is transmitted through personal contact, sharing towels or equipment, and sharing locker facilities; and

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WHEREAS, Anyone, not just an infected patient, can be a vehicle for the transmission of MRSA through skin-to-skin contact; and

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1           WHEREAS, MRSA is a preventable disease when appropriate  
2           hygienic practices, such as hand washing and appropriate first  
3           aid for open wounds and active skin infections, are followed;  
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5           WHEREAS, Countries such as Denmark, Finland, and the  
6           Netherlands have successfully controlled MRSA through  
7           aggressive interventions; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
9           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the week  
10          of June 8, 2008, as "MRSA Awareness Week" in this State; and be  
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12          RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of raising  
13          awareness of MRSA and methods of preventing MRSA infections.