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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 578

AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend House Resolution 578 by replacing everything after the title with the following:

"WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the nationwide
seriousness of drug abuse and violence by our nation's and our
State's youth, and the urgent need to use and to expand
school-based prevention education programs throughout the
nation; and

9 WHEREAS, The day-to-day struggle against alcohol abuse, 10 tobacco, drugs, and violence requires a long-term national, 11 state, and local effort and commitment; and

12 WHEREAS, Since 1983, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education 13 (D.A.R.E.) Program has taught millions of young people how to 14 recognize and to resist the pressure to be involved in drugs, 15 gangs, and violent activities; and HR0578HAM001

1 WHEREAS, The D.A.R.E. Program underscores a nationwide 2 commitment and dedication to help our nation's youth to "just 3 say no" to drugs and to violence; and

WHEREAS, By promoting positive youth development, D.A.R.E.
Programs across our nation are helping children and young
people make the right choices and build lives of purpose; and

7 WHEREAS, The D.A.R.E. Program allows law enforcement 8 personnel to enter our nation's classrooms to answer difficult 9 questions about drugs, violence and crime, teaches students how 10 to avoid temptation, and encourages open communication between 11 young people and local law enforcement officers; and

12 WHEREAS, The D.A.R.E. Program strengthens our local 13 communities and provides our children and young people with a 14 strong foundation and model for success; and

15 WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. Instructors, along with parents, 16 teachers, health care professionals, and all other interested 17 parties who help our nation's youth grow into responsible, 18 successful adults, are strengthening our country and 19 contributing to a future of hope for everyone; and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the nationwide 21 seriousness of drug abuse and violence by the youth of our HR0578HAM001

1 nation and our State, and the urgent need to use and to expand 2 school-based prevention education programs throughout the 3 nation; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' D.A.R.E. Program shows a commitment by the State to never cease in its duties to fight the war on drugs and violence; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we 9 recognize the day of October 15th, 2010 as D.A.R.E. Day in the 10 State of Illinois, and encourage all citizens to support and 11 partake in their local D.A.R.E. programs.".