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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, An increased number of Illinois municipalities  
3 are experiencing infestations of the common bed bug (*Cimex*  
4 *lectularius*); the health, habitability, and quality of life in  
5 affected dwellings has been diminished by this growing public  
6 nuisance; and

7           WHEREAS, Bed bug infestations are uniquely challenging to  
8 exterminate; the infestations have, however, been successfully  
9 treated through Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Agriculture has petitioned  
12 the U.S. EPA for a waiver of Section (18) of the Federal  
13 Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to facilitate the  
14 indoor use of the insecticide Propoxur to treat bed bug  
15 infestations in residences; 12 additional states have  
16 contemplated joining this petition; and

17           WHEREAS, Propoxur is classified as a probable human  
18 carcinogen (Group B2) by the United States Environmental  
19 Protection Agency and is listed as a known human carcinogen by  
20 the State of California; and

21           WHEREAS, In April of 2009, the U.S. EPA held its first-ever

1 National Bed Bug Summit to solicit recommendations on dealing  
2 with the growing public nuisance of bed bugs; among the major  
3 recommendations emanating from that summit was policy support  
4 for Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approaches; and

5 WHEREAS, The common bed bug is a public health nuisance; it  
6 is in the public interest to protect the health of Illinois  
7 citizens and promote safe and effective strategies for the  
8 eradication of bed bugs; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 urge the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois  
12 Department of Public Health, and other relevant State agencies  
13 to not join the petition for an EPA waiver for residential  
14 Propoxur use in combating bed bugs; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we urge all relevant State agencies to fully  
16 examine their statutory authority to promote the use of IPM  
17 strategies in the eradication of bed bugs; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent  
19 to the Directors of the Illinois Department of Agriculture and  
20 the Illinois Department of Public Health.