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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Bisphenol A (BPA) is found in many consumer
3 products, such as baby bottles and other reusable containers
4 made from polycarbonate plastic and in the epoxy resin coating
5 used in most food and beverage cans, including canned infant
6 formula; and

7 WHEREAS, Upon the request of the Commissioner of the United
8 State Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the FDA formed an
9 agency-wide BPA task force to facilitate cross-agency review
10 and evaluation of current research and new information on BPA
11 for all FDA regulated products and to make recommendations to
12 the Commissioner regarding actions the FDA should take next
13 regarding BPA; and

14 WHEREAS, As part of its evaluation, the task force has
15 reviewed the concerns presented in the National Toxicology
16 Program Brief published in September 2008 by the National
17 Institutes of Health and the concerns presented in the Canadian
18 risk assessment released in October 2008; and

19 WHEREAS, The FDA has considered the research and positions
20 of other transnational food safety organizations, including
21 the 2 risk assessments for BPA conducted by the European Food
22 Safety Authority's Scientific Panel on Food Additives,

1 Flavourings, Processing Aids and Materials in Contact with Food
2 and the Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial
3 Science and Technology; each of these documents considered the
4 question of a possible low-dose effect and concluded that no
5 current health risk exists for BPA at the current exposure
6 level; and

7 WHEREAS, The FDA has been reviewing the emerging literature
8 on BPA on a continuous basis; and

9 WHEREAS, In August 2008, the FDA released a draft safety
10 assessment of BPA in food contact products and in October 2008,
11 the FDA Science Board provided recommendations to the FDA to
12 improve the safety assessment; and

13 WHEREAS, The FDA has reported back to the Science Board on
14 February 24, 2009 on the progress they have made to address the
15 Science Board recommendations; and

16 WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper and in the
17 public interest for us to urge the United States Food and Drug
18 Administration to expedite their current review of bisphenol A
19 in food containers and baby bottles; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United

1 States Food and Drug Administration to expedite its current
2 review of the safety of bisphenol A in products that contact
3 food and take appropriate action based on its findings; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the Commissioner of the United States Food and
7 Drug Administration and each member of the Illinois
8 congressional delegation.