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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and others are encouraging Americans to switch to compact fluorescent lamps ("CFLs") to save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

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WHEREAS, CFLs contain a small amount of mercury sealed within glass tubing; and

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WHEREAS, Spent CFLs should be recycled rather disposed of in regular household trash to help prevent the release of mercury to the environment; and

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WHEREAS, There is not a convenient and widely accessible network of facilities for the collection and recycling of CFLs at the end of their useful life; and

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WHEREAS, It is difficult for households and consumers to find specific information on the mercury content of CFLs and options for recycling the spent lamps; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to work with lamp manufacturers, retailers, utilities, and state and local

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1 governments to expand the opportunities to recycle spent CFLs  
2 generated by households and consumers; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the Federal Trade Commission strengthen the  
4 lamp labeling requirements for CFL packaging in a manner that  
5 will provide more detailed information about the mercury and  
6 lead content of CFLs and advise consumers to recycle spent CFLs  
7 instead of placing them in the trash; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
9 delivered to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the  
10 Federal Trade Commission.