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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Recycling reduces the need for landfilling and  
3 incineration and prevents pollution caused by the  
4 manufacturing of products from virgin materials; and

5 WHEREAS, Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 mature trees,  
6 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2  
7 barrels of oil, and 4,1000 kilowatt-hours of electricity; and

8 WHEREAS, An aluminum can takes over 100 years to decompose,  
9 but a recycled can may be reused in 60 days; and

10 WHEREAS, A group of middle school students in Addison  
11 formed the Recycle Because You Care Team to research various  
12 approaches to encouraging their community to recycle; the  
13 experiment proved that recycling rates increased in households  
14 that were educated about recycling techniques; during the  
15 experiment, the number of recyclers increased by 86% in  
16 neighborhoods where the homeowners were informed about how to  
17 recycle and were given recycling bins; and

18 WHEREAS, Following the approval of a State grant, an  
19 Addison waste hauler provided more than 7,000 new recycling  
20 bins to their community; as a result, the recycling volume  
21 increased by 85 tons; and

1           WHEREAS, The impact of educational tools in Addison proves  
2           that recycling rates in the State can be increased by better  
3           informing citizens and businesses of recycling programs and  
4           possibilities; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7           the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
8           shall develop a Workplace Recycling Toolkit containing  
9           downloadable information and resources for implementing or  
10          expanding business or institutional recycling programs; and be  
11          it further

12          RESOLVED, That the Workplace Recycling Toolkit shall  
13          include information to show companies and institutions how to:

14                 (1) identify available recycling and waste reduction  
15                 options;

16                 (2) identify and overcome barriers to implementing  
17                 recycling programs and implementing suggested solutions;

18                 (3) differentiate geographic circumstances that may  
19                 affect the ability to collect or market recyclable  
20                 materials;

21                 (4) identify additional available education and  
22                 program resources; and

23                 (5) implement a comprehensive and effective waste

1 reduction and recycling program; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That, once completed, there shall be a  
3 promotional campaign to make the public aware of the Toolkit  
4 and the useful information it contains; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Commerce and  
6 Economic Opportunity shall complete this task on or before  
7 March 1, 2012.