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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, American consumers deserve to have confidence
3 that the products they buy, when used for their intended
4 purposes, are safe; and

5 WHEREAS, A federal chemical management program should
6 place protecting the public health, including children's
7 health, as its highest priority, and should include strict
8 government oversight; and

9 WHEREAS, The federal chemical management program should
10 preserve America's role as the world's leading innovator and
11 employer in the manufacture, processing, distribution in
12 commerce, and use of chemicals; and

13 WHEREAS, The current chemical management law, the Toxic
14 Substance Control Act (TSCA), was signed into law in 1976, and
15 it is now nearly 35 years old; and

16 WHEREAS, Since the enactment of the law, our ability to
17 understand the impact chemicals have on the human body and the
18 environment has advanced significantly; and

19 WHEREAS, Those advancements in science and technology need
20 to be integrated into the federal chemical management program;

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2 WHEREAS, Momentum for modernization of the federal
3 chemical regulatory system is growing in Congress; and

4 WHEREAS, A robust federal chemical management system will
5 obviate the need for state governments to adopt potentially
6 conflicting state regulatory programs that have the potential
7 for negative impacts on the national economy; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we urge the 112th Congress of the United States to enact
11 federal legislation to modernize the Toxic Substances Control
12 Act of 1976 in order to:

13 (1) ensure that chemicals are safe for their intended
14 use;

15 (2) require EPA to systematically prioritize chemicals
16 for the purpose of assessing their safe use;

17 (3) require that EPA act expeditiously and efficiently
18 in assessing the safe use of chemicals;

19 (4) require companies that manufacture, import,
20 process, distribute, or use chemicals to provide EPA with
21 relevant information to the extent necessary for EPA to
22 make safe use determinations;

23 (5) assure that the potential risks to children from

1 exposures to chemicals are considered in the assessment of
2 safe use;

3 (6) empower EPA to impose a range of risk management
4 controls to ensure that chemicals are safe for their
5 intended use;

6 (7) encourage companies and EPA to work together to
7 enhance public access to chemical health and safety
8 information;

9 (8) require that EPA rely on scientifically valid data
10 and information, regardless of its source, including data
11 and information reflecting modern advances in science and
12 technology;

13 (9) enable EPA to have the staff, resources, and
14 regulatory tools it needs to ensure the safety of
15 chemicals; and

16 (10) ensure that TSCA remains a vehicle to promote and
17 encourage technological innovation, and the maintenance of
18 a globally competitive industry in the United States; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 delivered to members of the Illinois congressional delegation.