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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop reported  
3 when he appeared before the U.S. Senate's Subcommittee on  
4 Nutrition in 1989 that breastfeeding should be actively  
5 promoted in all maternal and child health programs; health  
6 experts worldwide agree that breastfeeding is the optimal way  
7 to nurture infants and should be practiced wherever possible;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Human milk is a unique species-specific source of  
10 infant nutrition and not only allows birth to occur at an early  
11 stage of development, but also allows a time of intense  
12 maternal-infant interaction to facilitate early behavioral  
13 development; and

14           WHEREAS, Breastfeeding offers many important benefits for  
15 mothers and babies and also for society; there is abundant  
16 evidence that human milk is designed to enhance optimally the  
17 growth, development, and well-being of an infant; a mother's  
18 milk provides the best protection for her infant against  
19 specific infections; this cannot be duplicated in infant  
20 formula; therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we urge every department that assists families and children to  
2 offer and strongly promote educational material on the  
3 importance of breastfeeding.