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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, All citizens of Illinois should be made aware of
3 the ever-present dangers posed by potentially harmful
4 substances in their home, work, and play environments; and

5 WHEREAS, Children too often have access to over the counter
6 and prescription medications and potentially harmful household
7 products; and

8 WHEREAS, For more than 50 years, the nation has been
9 observing National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW); the Illinois
10 Poison Center celebrates March as Illinois Poison Prevention
11 Month (IPPM) to help prevent unintentional poisonings and to
12 share tips for promoting community involvement in poison
13 prevention; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2013, the Illinois Poison Center, the oldest
15 and one of the largest poison centers in the nation, will be
16 celebrating its 60th year of providing poison prevention and
17 treatment recommendations to the people of Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center is a mainstay in the
19 emergency medical care system of the State of Illinois and is
20 recognized nationally for its contributions to poison
21 treatment and prevention; and

1 WHEREAS, Nearly 50 percent of the 77,000 poisonings
2 reported last year to the Illinois Poison Center involved
3 children under the age of 5 and which most could have been
4 prevented; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 90 percent of the exposure calls
6 received from the public are treated over the phone, quickly
7 and safely by experienced, expert staff of the poison center
8 rather than in an emergency room; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we do hereby proclaim March 2013 to be POISON PREVENTION MONTH
12 in THE STATE OF ILLINOIS and congratulate the Illinois Poison
13 Center for providing outstanding public education and
14 treatment advice to the State of Illinois for 60 years; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Illinois Poison Center.