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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 poisonous
4 household substances; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, the nation has been
9 observing National Poison Prevention Week to help prevent
10 accidental poisonings and tips for promoting community
11 involvement in poison prevention; and

12 WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center has been providing
13 timely poison prevention and treatment services to the people
14 of Illinois for over 60 years as the oldest and one of the
15 largest poison centers in the nation; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Fifty percent of the more than 80,000 poisonings

1 reported last year to the Illinois Poison Center involved
2 children under the age of 5 and could have been prevented; and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center manages approximately
4 90% of cases from the general public at home, saving the State
5 of Illinois over \$52 million in reduced health care and lost
6 productivity costs; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we designate March of 2014 as Poison Prevention Month in the
10 State of Illinois and urge all Illinoisans to educate
11 themselves about the potentially harmful substances in their
12 homes and take steps to create healthy and safe home, play, and
13 work environments; and be it further

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