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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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