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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, A new report by the World Health Organization  
3 reveals that antibiotic resistance is a serious threat and is  
4 no longer a prediction for the future, it is happening right  
5 now in every region of the world and has the potential to  
6 affect anyone, of any age, in any country; antibiotic  
7 resistance - when bacteria change so antibiotics no longer work  
8 in people who need them to treat infections - is now a major  
9 threat to public health; and

10           WHEREAS, Urgent, coordinated action is needed or the world  
11 is headed for a post-antibiotic era, in which common infections  
12 and minor injuries which have been treatable for decades can  
13 once again kill; and

14           WHEREAS, Effective antibiotics have allowed people to live  
15 longer, live healthier, and benefit from modern medicine; and

16           WHEREAS, Policymakers can help address the issue of  
17 antibiotic resistance by: strengthening resistance tracking  
18 and laboratory capacity, regulating and promoting appropriate  
19 use of medicines, fostering innovation and research and  
20 development of new tools, and promoting cooperation and  
21 information sharing among all stakeholders; and

1           WHEREAS, Unless significant action is taken to improve  
2 efforts to prevent infections and also change how we produce,  
3 prescribe, and use antibiotics, the results will be  
4 devastating; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to  
7 dedicate additional National Science Foundation funds to  
8 antibiotic resistance research and to maximize its efforts in  
9 addressing the issue as well as work on solutions; and be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 presented to Senator Richard J. Durbin, Senator Mark Kirk, and  
13 the rest of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.