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1                                   AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 1139

2            AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Resolution 1139 by replacing  
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4            "WHEREAS, Paper and plastic disposable bags are  
5 distributed extensively throughout our society; and

6            WHEREAS, Improper disposal results in plastic bags  
7 becoming windblown through streets and parks, as sources of  
8 litter with the potential to clog storm drains and sewers and  
9 degrade soils and waterways; and

10           WHEREAS, Plastic bags are often the source of contamination  
11 in residential curbside recycling collections, yard waste  
12 collections, and food scrap composting, resulting in the  
13 jamming of the mechanical parts of recycling facilities and  
14 sewage treatment systems; and

1           WHEREAS, The economic value of recycled plastic bags as a  
2 commodity is lost when they are collected in conventional  
3 household recycling programs; plastic bags require handling in  
4 specialized programs outside of the normal household recycling  
5 stream; and

6           WHEREAS, An educational program needs to be established in  
7 order to promote the recycling of plastic bags and the use of  
8 reusable bags; and

9           WHEREAS, A unified and coordinated education, advocacy,  
10 and recycling program of this nature will reflect a meaningful  
11 and positive step forward towards reducing litter and plastic  
12 bag waste; and

13           WHEREAS, These measures will help educate schools that need  
14 to know about recycling waste; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 designate the first Friday of May 2016 as "Recycle Thin Film  
18 Friday"; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That "Recycle Thin Film Friday" is established in  
20 the State of Illinois as an effort to reclaim used thin-film  
21 plastic bags and to encourage consumers to use reusable bags;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Pontiac High School in recognition of the efforts  
4 of its students to bring light to this issue.".