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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Capuchin monkey races feature one or more capuchin monkeys clothed and tethered to a saddle on the back of a dog who trots and runs at high speeds; these events have been hosted in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Capuchin monkey races pose public health and safety concerns; during the performance, the monkey is not under the control of the handler; capuchin monkeys are small, but dangerous, monkeys that can be aggressive and have been involved in numerous escapes and attacks; and

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WHEREAS, The Humane Society of the United States, the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Chicago Zoological Society, and members of the Lake County Board have all voiced concern over capuchin monkey races and oppose allowing these performances to take place at fairs in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Capuchin monkey races are inhumane and abusive to the animals; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we join together with the Humane Society of the United States, the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Chicago Zoological Society, and the members of the Lake

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1 County Board in condemning the practice of capuchin monkey
2 races; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we urge the cancellation of any capuchin
4 monkey races and urge a disassociation with any future acts;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 delivered to the Humane Society of the United States, the
8 Lincoln Park Zoo, the Chicago Zoological Society, and the Lake
9 County Board.