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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD) has placed the highest priority on the health, safety, and security of employees, communities, and the environment, and in December 1991, the member companies of NACD undertook as its most important mission the inception of the Responsible Distribution program; and

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WHEREAS, NACD celebrates over 25 years of improving safety and performance through Responsible Distribution, a verified environmental, health, safety and security program committed to continuous performance improvement in every phase of chemical storage, handling, transportation, and disposal; and

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WHEREAS, Responsible Distribution verification is conducted by an independent, third-party verifier based on the Responsible Distribution Guiding Principles and a Code of Management Practice, and is required of each NACD member and Chemical Handler Affiliate; and

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WHEREAS, Responsible Distribution's 6th iteration of the Code of Management Practice requires each member company to have an active program designed to continuously improve safety and reduce incidents in 13 separate areas, including Senior Management Commitment and Risk Management, Compliance Review

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1 and Training, Carrier Selection and Private Fleet, Handling and  
2 Storage, Job Procedures and Training, Waste Management and  
3 Resource Conservation, Emergency Response and Public  
4 Preparedness, Community Outreach, Product Stewardship,  
5 Internal Audits, Corrective and Preventive Action, Document  
6 and Records Control, and Security; and

7 WHEREAS, The benefits of Responsible Distribution are  
8 clearly seen in the statistics; in the past six years, NACD  
9 member companies, who are trained and verified in Responsible  
10 Distribution have experienced a significant decrease in  
11 reportable incidents involving the storage, handling, and  
12 transportation of chemicals; incident rates are down by 23% per  
13 firm, down by 36% based on miles traveled and 34% based on tons  
14 handled; at the same time, overall occupational accident and  
15 illness rates were down by just 15.8% according to the  
16 Occupational Safety and Health Administration, with overall  
17 chemical wholesaling incidents falling by just 3%; and

18 WHEREAS, Illinois consumers and businesses are dependent  
19 on the safe and efficient distribution of chemical raw  
20 materials, intermediates, and final products; Illinois is home  
21 to a significant number of NACD member companies located  
22 throughout Illinois; and

23 WHEREAS, NACD and many of its Illinois members work in

1 close cooperation with the Chemical Industry Council of  
2 Illinois to provide an effective means for individual companies  
3 and organizations engaged in the commerce of chemicals within  
4 Illinois to combine talents and resources to build  
5 understanding for programs such as Responsible Distribution  
6 which foster improved performance and adherence to sound public  
7 policies; and

8 WHEREAS, That people of the State of Illinois are fortunate  
9 to be served by an institution of the caliber of NACD and its  
10 member companies, which have proven to be a healthy and  
11 positive force within the commerce of chemicals; therefore, be  
12 it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 commend the National Association of Chemical Distributors and  
16 its Illinois members for their over 25-year commitment to  
17 Responsible Distribution including community outreach,  
18 pollution prevention, and ensuring the safety and security of  
19 chemical handling and distribution throughout Illinois and we  
20 extend best wishes for continued success in the future; and be  
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That we applaud the success of voluntary  
23 recognition programs like Responsible Distribution as a way to

1 reduce compliance burdens for the State; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to NACD as a symbol of our respect and esteem.