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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois values the health of its waterways and  
3 coastal areas, as well as the oceans and coasts of the United  
4 States; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States is a global leader in protecting  
6 its oceans and coasts and providing an enjoyable environment  
7 for the recreation of its citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, Plastic pollution poses a significant threat to  
9 the health of the planet's oceans, waterways, and coastal  
10 environments; and

11 WHEREAS, Plastic straws pose a health risk to ocean  
12 wildlife when ingested; and

13 WHEREAS, Plastic straws are frequently littered or dropped  
14 by individuals, escape from waste management systems, and can  
15 get deposited onto the beach and washed into storm drains,  
16 streams, rivers, and eventually the ocean; and

17 WHEREAS, Reducing consumption of plastic straws can help  
18 decrease plastic pollution in the ocean and the United States  
19 coastal environment; and

1           WHEREAS, Recognizing the negative environmental impact of  
2 plastic straws, many restaurants and other establishments in  
3 Illinois and around the United States have voluntarily stopped  
4 providing plastic straws; and

5           WHEREAS, Customers should be encouraged to make informed  
6 choices when considering ways to reduce their impact on the  
7 environment; and

8           WHEREAS, Girl Scout Shelby O'Neil has founded the Jr Ocean  
9 Guardians to raise awareness of the problem of ocean plastic  
10 and to reduce pollution from straws by starting the "No Straw  
11 November" initiative, during which participants pledge to  
12 refuse straws for the month of November; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 declare November of 2018 as "No Straw November" in the State of  
16 Illinois; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 presented to Governor Rauner, the Director of the Illinois  
19 Environmental Protection Agency, and Shelby O'Neil.