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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Whereas, Each year, some adults intentionally ingest  
3 antifreeze to commit suicide and children are accidentally  
4 exposed to antifreeze that is left unattended or in open  
5 containers; and

6 Whereas, Pets and other animals can die from mistakenly  
7 ingesting antifreeze that has leaked, spilled, or is carelessly  
8 left in improperly secured containers in the garage or  
9 driveway; and

10 Whereas, The National Safety Council, the American Medical  
11 Association, and the American Association of Poison Control  
12 Centers have noted that the addition of a nontoxic bittering  
13 agent can make antifreeze so unpalatable that adults, children,  
14 and animals will reject such products upon tasting them,  
15 preventing injury or death; and

16 Whereas, Legislation has been introduced in the United  
17 States Congress to require the inclusion of denatonium benzoate  
18 at a minimum of 30 parts per million as a bittering agent to  
19 any engine coolant or antifreeze that contains more than 10%  
20 ethylene glycol; and

21 Whereas, The Doris Day Animal League, the Humane Society of

1 the United States, the American Veterinary Medical  
2 Association, the Society for Animal Protective Legislation,  
3 the Pet Food Institute, the United States Conference of Mayors,  
4 the Consumer Specialty Products Association, and the retail  
5 antifreeze industry have endorsed this legislation with the  
6 goal of protecting consumers and animals; and

7 Whereas, The State of Illinois supports protecting the  
8 health and safety of adults, children, and animals through the  
9 inclusion of a bittering agent in ethylene glycol-based  
10 antifreeze; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the United States  
14 Congress to help protect adults, children, and animals by  
15 enacting legislation to require denatonium benzoate be added to  
16 antifreeze that contains ethylene glycol; and be it further

17 Resolved, That we urge the Illinois congressional  
18 delegation to help protect adults, children, and animals by  
19 supporting the passage of this legislation; and be it further

20 Resolved, That the Illinois General Assembly urges the  
21 President of the United States to advance this legislation this  
22 year to help protect adults, children, and animals; and be it

1 further

2 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be presented to  
3 the President of the United States and each member of the  
4 Illinois Congressional delegation.