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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The medical community is united in its concern
3 over the rapid spread of drug-resistant bacteria including
4 methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA); and

5 WHEREAS, In August of 2007, the State of Illinois passed
6 legislation requiring public reporting of MRSA in all acute
7 care hospitals using ICD-9-CM codes from hospital discharge
8 data; and

9 WHEREAS, The National Healthcare Surveillance Network
10 (NHSN), developed by the Centers for Disease Control and
11 Prevention (CDC), is a secure, internet-based surveillance
12 system that integrates patient and healthcare personnel safety
13 surveillance systems managed by the Division of Healthcare
14 Quality Promotion (DHQP) at CDC; and

15 WHEREAS, The states of California, Colorado, Connecticut,
16 Delaware, Massachusetts, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania,
17 South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington
18 have designated NHSN in legislative mandates requiring
19 hospitals to report healthcare-associated infections; and

20 WHEREAS, Analysis indicates that discharge data
21 underestimate the true number of MRSA infections and do not

1 distinguish between community and healthcare associated
2 infections; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 recommend that the National Healthcare Surveillance Network
6 (NHSN), developed by the Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention (CDC), should be adopted as the mechanism for public
8 reporting of MRSA by Illinois hospitals.