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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Chemistry is essential to human life, through
3 applications such as agriculture, the protection of public
4 health, and innovative technologies that save energy and
5 improve quality of life; and

6 WHEREAS, The products of chemistry can pose risks that, if
7 improperly controlled or regulated, can threaten human health
8 or the environment; and

9 WHEREAS, The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) of 1976
10 was enacted by Congress to give the United States Environmental
11 Protection Agency the authority to require testing and to
12 impose restrictions on industrial chemicals produced or
13 imported into the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Under its TSCA authority the U.S. EPA has required
15 testing of chemicals that may pose a risk to the environment or
16 to human-health, requires reporting of substantial risks to
17 human health and the environment from chemicals, and can ban
18 the manufacture and import of those chemicals that pose such
19 risks; and

20 WHEREAS, Advances in technology now allow the detection of
21 chemicals at very low levels in the environment and the human

1 body, at levels that until recently were unable to be detected;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Analytical testing has become so sophisticated
4 that a National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council
5 Committee on Human Biomonitoring has declared that tremendous
6 challenges surround the use of biomonitoring information
7 because the ability to detect chemicals in the body far exceeds
8 the ability to determine what such data means to public health;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has cautioned
11 that the mere presence of a chemical in the human body is not
12 an indication that the chemical causes disease; that toxicity
13 of a chemical is related to its dose or concentration in
14 addition to a person's individual susceptibility; and

15 WHEREAS, Regulations on the production and import of
16 chemicals is best addressed at the federal level to avoid
17 disruptions in trade and commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, TSCA provides U.S. EPA the authority and
19 flexibility to adapt regulatory controls on chemicals as the
20 science of detection and risk evolves; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the U.S. EPA and the
2 Congress of the United States ensure that the Toxic Substances
3 Control Act of 1976 provides the necessary statutory and
4 regulatory controls necessary to protect human health and the
5 environment from the risks of industrial chemicals; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
9 the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
10 the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader
11 of the United States House of Representatives, and to each
12 member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.