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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 1166

2 WHEREAS, The 1st week of May is designated as National Safe
3 Drinking Water Week; and

4 WHEREAS, Water is our most valuable natural resource; and

5 WHEREAS, Tap water provides vital public health and fire
6 protection; tap water also provides support for our economy and
7 sustains the quality of life we enjoy; and

8 WHEREAS, Americans consume approximately 50-plus gallons
9 of water a day on average; and

10 WHEREAS, All measures of a successful society, including
11 low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity,
12 productivity, and public safety, are all in some way related to
13 access to safe drinking water; and

14 WHEREAS, Every citizen is called upon to help protect our
15 source waters from pollution and to promote water conservation;
16 the United States Environmental Protection Agency suggests
17 that if each resident fixed all their household water leaks and
18 put in low-flow shower heads today, they could reduce their
19 water consumption by 25%; and

1 WHEREAS, True cost pricing of water is an important element
2 in present and future water conservation, in contrast to water
3 rates that are artificially low due to various subsidies; and

4 WHEREAS, It is critical to the future health and growth of
5 the State of Illinois that both private and public systems
6 continue to invest in our water infrastructure; the U.S. EPA
7 estimates that there is a \$330 billion gap in water
8 infrastructure investment throughout our nation; the State of
9 Illinois should continue to promote investment in its water
10 infrastructure both in public and private systems; and

11 WHEREAS, It is imperative that adequate funding be made
12 available for the State of Illinois to ensure that essential
13 research and analysis of Illinois' current and future water
14 needs can be done by organizations such as the Illinois Water
15 Survey and the State Regional Water Supply Committees;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 join with the rest of the nation in celebrating National
20 Drinking Water Week and applaud the workers who work hard every
21 day to ensure that the citizens of the State of Illinois have
22 safe, fresh, reliable, high-quality drinking water; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves over the next year to
2 vigorously raising the consciousness of the public on the
3 importance of safe water resources.