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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, All citizens of Illinois should be made aware of the ever-present dangers posed by potentially poisonous household substances; and

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WHEREAS, Children too often have access to over-the-counter and prescription medications and potentially toxic household products; and

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WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, the nation has been observing National Poison Prevention Week to help prevent accidental poisonings and tips for promoting community involvement in poison prevention; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center has been providing timely poison prevention and treatment services to the people of Illinois for over 60 years as the oldest and one of the largest poison centers in the nation; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center is a mainstay in the emergency medical care system of the State of Illinois and is recognized nationally for its contributions to poison treatment and prevention; and

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WHEREAS, Fifty percent of the more than 80,000 poisonings

1 reported last year to the Illinois Poison Center involved
2 children under the age of 5 and could have been prevented; and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center manages approximately
4 90% of cases from the general public at home, saving the State
5 of Illinois over \$52 million in reduced health care and lost
6 productivity costs; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate March of
9 2014 as Poison Prevention Month in the State of Illinois and
10 urge all Illinoisans to educate themselves about the
11 potentially harmful substances in their homes and take steps to
12 create healthy and safe home, play, and work environments; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the Illinois Poison Center.