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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

20           WHEREAS, Forty-five percent of the more than 80,000

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

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center manages approximately  
5 90% of cases from the general public at home, saving the State  
6 of Illinois over \$60 million in reduced health care and lost  
7 productivity costs; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10 designate March of 2016 as Poison Prevention Month in the State  
11 of Illinois and urge all Illinoisans to educate themselves  
12 about the potentially harmful substances in their homes and  
13 take steps to create healthy and safe home, play, and work  
14 environments; and be it further

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