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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Millions of cases of illness among office workers each year could be prevented by installing germ-killing lights in ventilation systems; and

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WHEREAS, Central air conditioning systems are almost always contaminated with microbes like bacteria, fungi, and protozoa, which have been linked to a variety of health problems, including respiratory illness, skin irritation, and congestion; and

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WHEREAS, If irradiation systems were used in most North American offices, work-related medical symptoms could be prevented for about 4 million employees, saving employers \$5 billion to \$75 billion a year; and

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WHEREAS, The level of illnesses in buildings that have installed germ-killing lights in ventilation systems has been significantly reduced; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Department of Public Health to study and report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2005 on the installation of ultraviolet germicidal irradiation equipment in private and public work spaces; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Director of Public Health.

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