



HR0457

LRB095 12268 DRJ 36761 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is a type of staphylococcal infection that is resistant to treatment with the usual antibiotics; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, The proportion of infections which are antimicrobial resistant in the United States has grown from 2% in 1974 to 63% in 2004; and

6

7

8

WHEREAS, MRSA occurs most frequently among individuals in hospitals and health care facilities, particularly the elderly, those undergoing dialysis, and those with surgical wounds; and

9

10

11

12

WHEREAS, Individuals infected with MRSA are most likely to have longer and more expensive hospital stays; and

13

14

WHEREAS, Clusters of MRSA have been reported since 2000 among competitive sports teams, where it is transmitted through personal contact, sharing towels or equipment, and sharing locker facilities; and

15

16

17

18

WHEREAS, Anyone, not just an infected patient, can be a vehicle for the transmission of MRSA through skin-to-skin contact; and

19

20

1           WHEREAS, MRSA is a preventable disease when appropriate  
2           hygienic practices, such as hand washing and appropriate first  
3           aid for open wounds and active skin infections, are followed;  
4           and

5           WHEREAS, Countries such as Denmark, Finland, and the  
6           Netherlands have successfully controlled MRSA through  
7           aggressive interventions; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9           NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10          designate the week of June 10, 2007, as "MRSA Awareness Week"  
11          in this State; and be it further

12          RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of raising  
13          awareness of MRSA and methods of preventing MRSA infections.