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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, In an effort to protect the health and safety of  
3 children from the excessive amounts of lead found in toys made  
4 in China, the United States Congress enacted a law which banned  
5 the sale of products from foreign countries aimed at children if  
6 they contained more than 600 parts per million of lead; and

7           WHEREAS, Lead is found in steel and other metal alloys on  
8 the dune, motor, and multiple parts of off-road motorcycles and  
9 recreational vehicles built for young riders; and

10           WHEREAS, While most motorcycles and recreational vehicles  
11 are made overseas, there are tens of thousands of jobs attached  
12 to the industry in the United States; and

13           WHEREAS, More than 13,000 power sports dealers sell  
14 products in the United States, employing an estimated 124,000  
15 people; and

16           WHEREAS, Industry estimates the retail market value for all  
17 off-road motorcycles and other recreational vehicles in the  
18 United States to be approximately \$14 billion a year, including  
19 sales, service, parts, accessories, and payroll; and

20           WHEREAS, An industry trade publication estimates that the

1 value of inventory at United States dealers that can no longer  
2 be sold probably exceeds \$100 million and that the industry has  
3 millions of dollars worth of parts now in production that  
4 cannot be sold; and

5 WHEREAS, While every effort should be taken to protect the  
6 health and safety of our young children, we should also  
7 consider the effect such legislation will also have on an  
8 industry that is unrelated to toys; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 urge Congress to reexamine the federal law that has seriously  
12 affected the sales of off-road motorcycles and other  
13 recreational vehicles designed for children; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we state our belief that, in this time of  
15 financial crisis, every effort should be made to preserve every  
16 facet of our business community in order to help preserve jobs  
17 and stabilize our economy; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
19 presented to the members of the United States House of  
20 Representatives and the United States Senate.