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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

8           WHEREAS, Over the past 49 years, the nation has observed  
9 National Poison Prevention Week to help prevent accidental  
10 poisonings and to provide tips for promoting community  
11 involvement in poison prevention; and

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

16           WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center is a key component of  
17 the State's bioterrorism readiness network, standing ready to  
18 assist the Illinois Department of Public Health and local  
19 authorities in the event of a biochemical or radiation  
20 incident; and

1           WHEREAS, Half of the nearly 90,000 poisonings reported last  
2 year to the Illinois Poison Center involved children under the  
3 age of six and could have been prevented; and

4           WHEREAS, More than 90% of the calls received from the  
5 public are treated over the phone, quickly and safely, by the  
6 experienced and highly-qualified staff of the Illinois Poison  
7 Center; and

8           WHEREAS, The Illinois Poison Center saves Illinois more  
9 than \$50 million in unnecessary health care costs; therefore,  
10 be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we designate March of 2011 as Illinois Poison Prevention Month  
14 in the State of Illinois, and we encourage all citizens to  
15 learn more about the Illinois Poison Center's poisoning  
16 prevention programs and the steps that can be taken to create  
17 safe and healthful home, play, and work environments; and be it  
18 further

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