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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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