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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Weather radios are designed to receive the
3 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather
4 Radio service's broadcast, which provides around-the-clock
5 weather information; and

6 WHEREAS, Weather radios can also respond to the Federal
7 Communications Commission's Emergency Alert System and alert
8 signals sent by the NOAA Weather Radio service; and

9 WHEREAS, Weather radios sound an alarm to warn those in the
10 area of dangerous weather when they receive an alert signal;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Weather radios send information on hazardous
13 weather conditions 24 hours a day in all 50 states; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Weather Service issues 50,000
15 weather warnings per year; and

16 WHEREAS, Over 98% of the United States population is
17 covered by NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts; and

18 WHEREAS, While many outdoor weather sirens can only be
19 heard outdoors, weather radios can be heard indoors; and

1 WHEREAS, Mobile home residents make up just 7% of the
2 United States population, but account for 40% of the deaths in
3 tornadoes; and

4 WHEREAS, Extreme weather can occur with very little notice
5 and present an imminent danger to Illinois citizens, especially
6 those in mobile homes; and

7 WHEREAS, Weather radios are a life-saving tool that will
8 help protect the people of Illinois from weather emergencies;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we urge every contractor or manufacturer building new
13 residences in the State, especially mobile homes, to install a
14 weather radio within each residence in order to provide the
15 citizens of this State adequate protection during inclement
16 weather.