

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Millions of people all over the world have
3 participated in TV-Turnoff Week since it began in 1995;
4 children and adults, rich and poor - people from every
5 background and all walks of life - take part through schools,
6 churches, or community groups, as families or individuals;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, According to Nielsen Media Research, 98 percent
9 of U.S. households have at least one television set, which is
10 turned on an average of seven hours, 40 minutes daily; and

11 WHEREAS, Forty percent of Americans frequently or always
12 watch television during dinner; and

13 WHEREAS, On average, children in the U.S. will spend more
14 time in front of the television (1,023 hours) than in school
15 this year (900 hours); and

16 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Education,
17 73 percent of parents would like to limit their children's
18 television-watching; and

19 WHEREAS, Turning off the television gives us a chance to
20 think, read, create, and do; to connect with our families and
21 engage in our communities; and

22 WHEREAS, TV-Turnoff Week is supported by over 70 national
23 organizations including the American Medical Association, the
24 American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Education
25 Association, and the President's Council on Physical Fitness
26 and Sports; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
29 we designate the fourth week of April as Illinois TV-Turnoff
30 Week; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we encourage all citizens of Illinois to
2 find alternatives to watching television during this week.