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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to promoting sustainable practices, reducing plastic waste, and preserving the environment for present and future generations; and

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WHEREAS, Plastic is made from toxic fossil fuels that never decompose, harming people, wildlife, and the environment; and

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WHEREAS, More than 280 million tons of short-lived plastic products become waste every year; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the importance of proactive measures to address this issue; and

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WHEREAS, It is estimated that restaurants have saved an average of \$5,000 per year by adopting accessories-upon-request policies; and

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WHEREAS, The Skip the Plastic Campaign, created by Nicolina Pappas of Nicolina's Turtle Co. and in partnership with the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative and the Bi-State Conservation Action Network, aims to reduce the unnecessary use of single-use plastic by promoting the practice of providing such items only upon customer request;

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1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 1,
4 2025 as Skip the Plastic Day in Illinois; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we urge all residents, businesses, and
6 visitors to reduce plastic waste and protect our environment;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we commend all businesses that willingly
9 participate in Skip the Plastic Day by only offering
10 single-use plastic items, including straws and cutlery, by
11 request and that take proactive steps toward reducing plastic
12 waste; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we commend all residents who refuse the use
14 of single-use plastic items.