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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Bisphenol A (BPA) is found in many general
3 plastics, such as food and drink packaging, baby bottles,
4 thermoses, and other reusable plastic containers, and is used
5 as an epoxy can liner, coating items such as food cans,
6 bottles, and water supply pipes, and in the production of
7 polycarbonate plastics; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon the request of the Commissioner of Food and
9 Drugs, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) formed an
10 agency-wide BPA task force to facilitate the cross-agency
11 review of current research and new information on BPA for all
12 FDA regulated products; as a result of this review, the task
13 force will make recommendations to the Commissioner regarding
14 next steps; and

15 WHEREAS, Part of this evaluation will include the FDA Task
16 Force reviewing the concerns presented in the National
17 Toxicology Program Draft Brief published on April 14, 2008 by
18 the U.S. National Institutes of Health and the concerns
19 presented in the Canadian draft risk assessment released in
20 April 2008; and

21 WHEREAS, The FDA has been reviewing the emerging literature
22 on BPA on a continuous basis and has recently completed a

1 review of the available biological fate data and 2 recently
2 completed rodent multigeneration reproductive studies, and
3 these studies did not indicate a safety concern for BPA at
4 current exposure levels; in addition, the FDA is conducting a
5 review of the data on neural and behavioral effects of BPA
6 exposure; and

7 WHEREAS, The FDA will consider the research and positions
8 of other transnational food safety organizations, including
9 the 2 risk assessments for BPA conducted by the European Food
10 Safety Authority Scientific Panel on Food Additives,
11 Flavourings, Processing Aids and Materials in Contact with Food
12 and the Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial
13 Science and Technology; each of these documents considered the
14 question of a possible low-dose effect and concluded that no
15 current health risk exists for BPA at the current exposure
16 level; and

17 WHEREAS, In January 2008, the United States House of
18 Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce began
19 reviewing the use of bisphenol A in products intended for use
20 by infants and children; and

21 WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper and in the
22 public interest for this Senate to urge the United States Food
23 and Drug Administration to expedite their current review of

1 bisphenol A in food containers, toys, and baby bottles;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United
5 States Food and Drug Administration to expedite their current
6 review of bisphenol A; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 delivered to the President and Vice President of the United
9 States, the Commissioner of the United States Food and Drug
10 Administration, and each member of the Illinois congressional
11 delegation.