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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Some commercial bakers utilize potassium bromate  
3 because it yields dependable results; and

4 WHEREAS, Potassium bromate is used as an oxidizer in flour  
5 to strengthen dough, allowing for higher rising; and

6 WHEREAS, The dough becomes stronger and more elastic,  
7 allowing it to better withstand commercial baking processes;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Potassium bromate is an oxidizing agent and is  
10 completely used up in the baking process if used responsibly in  
11 the course of good manufacturing practices; and

12 WHEREAS, If too much potassium bromate is used or the bread  
13 is not cooked long enough or at a high enough temperature, then  
14 trace amounts may remain; and

15 WHEREAS, Some studies have suggested that potassium  
16 bromate, when consumed over a period of time, may be a  
17 carcinogen; and

18 WHEREAS, Some countries have banned the use of potassium  
19 bromate; and

1           WHEREAS, Although the U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
2           (FDA) has not found that potassium bromate is a carcinogen, the  
3           FDA does encourage entities utilizing potassium bromate in  
4           baking processes to do so responsibly and to list it in the  
5           product legend; and

6           WHEREAS, Many food manufacturers have switched from  
7           potassium bromate to some alternative; and

8           WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes that the  
9           substitution of ingredients in the processing of food products  
10          can rarely be immediate and must be carefully taken so as not  
11          to change the taste of the food and ensure that adequate and  
12          affordable substitutes are readily available; therefore, be it

13          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14          NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15          strongly encourage food manufacturers that use potassium  
16          bromate to do so responsibly through good manufacturing  
17          practices and to label it in their product ingredient legends  
18          and to consider alternatives to potassium bromate in commercial  
19          baking processes; and be it further

20          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21          delivered to the Illinois Manufacturers Association, Illinois

1 State Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Retail Merchants  
2 Association, Illinois Restaurant Association, National  
3 Federation of Independent Business, Board of Higher Education,  
4 State Board of Education, and Illinois Association of School  
5 Boards; and that we request that these entities share this  
6 resolution with their constituencies and their suppliers.