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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the safety dilemma that replica guns pose to the public and the persons who carry them; and

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WHEREAS, These replica guns are identical in appearance to real firearms and are indistinguishable from fully functioning firearms; and

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WHEREAS, Even law enforcement officers have a difficulty distinguishing them from real firearms; and

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WHEREAS, The inability of law enforcement officers to distinguish replica guns from real firearms has resulted in tragedy such as the incident in Cleveland, Ohio, where a 12-year-old boy, Tamir Rice, who had been reported to police for displaying a gun in a park and was shot dead by police as he reached for the replica gun; and

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WHEREAS, The problem of replica guns is a national issue and should be addressed by uniform legislation by Congress; and

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WHEREAS, We urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that would require the manufacturers of replica guns to design them to be distinguishable from real firearms so

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1 as to protect the public and law enforcement; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we urge the Congress of the United States to require replica
5 gun manufacturers to design these guns to be bright colors; and
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be
8 presented to each member of the Illinois Congressional
9 delegation.