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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Industrial hemp refers to varieties of the  
3 cannabis plant that have a low content of  
4 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and that are cultivated for fiber  
5 and oil; and

6 WHEREAS, Industrial hemp should not be confused with  
7 varieties of cannabis that have high content of  
8 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and that are commonly referred to  
9 as marijuana; and

10 WHEREAS, The commercial production and cultivation of  
11 industrial hemp is now permitted in Canada, under licenses  
12 and authorizations issued by Health Canada; and

13 WHEREAS, Health Canada controls, through rules, all  
14 activities relating to the importation, exportation,  
15 possession, production, sale, provision, transportation,  
16 sending, delivering, and offering for sale of industrial  
17 hemp; and

18 WHEREAS, Industrial hemp is grown legally throughout  
19 Europe and Asia; and

20 WHEREAS, Many farmers facing uncertain times in the  
21 agricultural marketplace view the reintroduction of  
22 industrial hemp as another potentially alternative crop that  
23 will have long-term economic benefits to the farmers who  
24 produce hemp and the persons who use hemp in the production  
25 of textiles, paper products, concrete reinforcement,  
26 automobile parts, plastic, cosmetics, organic foods, and  
27 natural body products; and

28 WHEREAS, Congress never originally intended to prohibit  
29 the production of industrial hemp when restricting the  
30 production, possession, and use of marijuana; therefore be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we urge the United States Congress to acknowledge the  
4 difference between the hallucinogenic drug known as marijuana  
5 and the agricultural crop known as industrial hemp; to  
6 acknowledge that allowing and encouraging farmers to produce  
7 industrial hemp will improve the balance of trade by

8 promoting domestic sources of industrial hemp; and to assist  
9 United States' producers by clearly authorizing the  
10 commercial production of industrial hemp and by being the  
11 leading advocate for the industrial hemp industry; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
14 delivered to the President pro tempore of the United States  
15 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
16 Representatives, the chairmen of the Agriculture Committees  
17 of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the  
18 United States Secretary of Agriculture, and each member of  
19 the Illinois congressional delegation.

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