

House Concurrent Resolution No. 20

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, each year, some adults intentionally ingest antifreeze to commit suicide
2 and children are accidentally exposed to antifreeze that is left unattended or in open containers;
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5 **Whereas**, pets and other animals can die from mistakenly ingesting antifreeze that
6 has leaked, spilled, or is carelessly left in improperly secured containers in the garage or
7 driveway; and
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9 **Whereas**, the National Safety Council, the American Medical Association, and the
10 American Association of Poison Control Centers have noted that the addition of a nontoxic
11 bittering agent can make antifreeze so unpalatable that adults, children, and animals will reject
12 such products upon tasting them, preventing injury or death; and
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14 **Whereas**, legislation (S.1110 and H.R. 2567) has been introduced in the United
15 States Congress to require the inclusion of denatonium benzoate at a minimum of 30 parts per
16 million as a bittering agent to any engine coolant or antifreeze that contains more than 10%
17 ethylene glycol; and
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19 **Whereas**, the Doris Day Animal League, the Humane Society of the United States,
20 the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Society for Animal Protective Legislation, the
21 Pet Food Institute, the United States Conference of Mayors, the Consumer Specialty Products
22 Association, and the retail antifreeze industry have endorsed this legislation with the goal of
23 protecting consumers and animals; and
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25 **Whereas**, the State of Missouri supports protecting the health and safety of adults,
26 children, and animals through the inclusion of a bittering agent in ethylene glycol-based
27 antifreeze:

28 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
29 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
30 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to help protect adults, children, and
31 animals by enacting legislation to require denatonium benzoate be added to antifreeze that
32 contains ethylene glycol; and

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34 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly urges Missouri's
35 Congressional delegation to help protect adults, children, and animals by supporting the passage
36 of this legislation; and

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38 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly urges the
39 President of the United States to advance this legislation this year to help protect adults, children,
40 and animals; and

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42 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
43 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President
44 George W. Bush and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.