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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
3 report that one in three women and one in four men will
4 experience some form of physical violence by an intimate
5 partner in their lifetime; and

6 WHEREAS, Domestic abuse is a repetitive pattern of
7 behaviors to maintain power and control over an intimate
8 partner; and

9 WHEREAS, More than three million children witness domestic
10 violence in their homes each year; and

11 WHEREAS, An estimated one-half of women in abusive
12 relationships in the United States are physically injured by
13 their partner; and

14 WHEREAS, Domestic violence costs more than \$37 billion a
15 year in law enforcement involvement, legal assistance, medical
16 and mental health treatment, and lost employee productivity;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the National Domestic
19 Violence Hotline and the National Coalition Against Domestic
20 Violence have worked to educate, counsel, and help communities

1 affected by domestic violence; and

2 WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from
3 the "Day of Unity" held in October of 1981, and was conceived
4 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1989, October has been designated as
6 National Domestic Violence Month; and

7 WHEREAS, With violence increasing in our schools, on our
8 streets, and in our homes, ending it should be a top priority
9 for everyone; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in
13 October and support and commend the efforts of those people and
14 organizations who work tirelessly to help victims break free of
15 the devastating effects of domestic abuse and work to
16 ameliorate this scourge on society, thereby creating safer
17 communities for all.