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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Most health plans are required by Illinois and federal law to cover mental health and addiction treatment on par with other types of medical conditions; and

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WHEREAS, Evidence indicates many patients have difficulty getting mental health and addiction treatment covered; although insurers have begun to change some of their practices to improve parity, the best ways of analyzing the problems and the effectiveness of possible solutions involve tracking information that is not available in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Uncovering the barriers impeding access to mental health and addiction coverage in Illinois will not only improve the lives of people living with mental health and addiction challenges, but will also offer cost reductions for health plans and society at large; and

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WHEREAS, The experience of other states indicates that a regular review of plan data with respect to how health plans design and apply their medical management protocols for mental health and addiction coverage compared to how they design and apply those same protocols for medical and surgical coverage offers the clearest picture of possible barriers; and

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1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Illinois deserve equal access to
2 healthcare for all medical conditions including mental health
3 and addiction treatment; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the
6 Mental Health Committee of the House of Representatives should
7 formulate a plan to help improve parity and remove barriers to
8 mental health and addiction coverage by the end of the 100th
9 General Assembly.