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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lymphedema is swelling that occurs in the arms and
3 legs of an individual, often caused by the removal of, or
4 damage to, lymph nodes as part of a cancer treatment or other
5 infection; and

6 WHEREAS, The factors that increase the risk of lymphedema
7 include cancer treatment, age, excess weight or obesity, or
8 rheumatoid or psoriatic arthritis; and

9 WHEREAS, Undiagnosed lymphedema can lead to serious
10 complications, such as bacterial infections of the skin and
11 lymph vessels or lymphangiosarcoma, which is a rare form of
12 soft tissue cancer that results from severe cases of the
13 disease; and

14 WHEREAS, Lymphedema cannot be cured, but the symptoms can
15 be managed through a variety of treatment options, such as
16 exercise, massage, therapy, and compression garments; and

17 WHEREAS, The necessary compression garments and therapy
18 treatment options can cost between \$200-\$3,000 for a patient
19 and are often not covered by insurance plans; and

20 WHEREAS, Lymphedema is not well-known and is often

1 undiagnosed; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage increased
4 public awareness of lymphedema; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 delivered to the Governor, the Director of the Department of
7 Public Health, all constitutional officers, and all members of
8 the General Assembly in order to raise awareness of lymphedema.