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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare
3 neurodegenerative disorder caused by the loss of certain cells
4 in the brain and spinal cord resulting in the impairment of the
5 body's involuntary functions, including blood pressure, heart
6 rate, bladder function, and digestion; and

7 WHEREAS, Having formerly been called Shy-Drager Syndrome,
8 MSA shares similar symptoms of Parkinson's disease, such as
9 slowness of movement, muscle rigidity, and poor balance; and

10 WHEREAS, People who have MSA also frequently suffer from
11 other involuntary functions of the body, including urinary and
12 bowel dysfunction, sweating abnormalities, sleep disorders,
13 difficulty controlling blood pressure, sexual dysfunction,
14 cardiovascular problems, and psychiatric disturbances; and

15 WHEREAS, Some people are never accurately diagnosed with
16 MSA due to its likeness to Parkinson's disease; and

17 WHEREAS, Though the progression of MSA varies from person
18 to person, the condition never goes into remission and is a
19 progressive condition that in due course will lead to death;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and treatment of MSA is critical
2 to managing symptoms and maintaining the best possible
3 quality-of-life throughout a person's estimated 7-9 year life
4 expectancy, pursuant to their diagnosis; and

5 WHEREAS, Increased awareness and exposure to MSA has
6 inspired the nation's medical and scientific communities to
7 engage in novel investigative research and treatment
8 developments and assemble coalitions that serve patients and
9 families through support, education, advocacy, and financial
10 assistance; and

11 WHEREAS, The development of better treatments and, some
12 day, a cure will help countless families avoid tremendous pain
13 and loss; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we declare March of 2019 as MSA Awareness Month in the State of
17 Illinois.