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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, When a person is losing blood, every minute
3 counts, and the Stop the Bleed campaign of the American College
4 of Surgeons is informing Americans about vital measures to aid
5 trauma victims; and

6 WHEREAS, The initiative was created in the wake of the 2012
7 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; the American
8 College of Surgeons convened senior health care and public
9 safety leaders to produce a program that will improve survival
10 for victims suffering from bleeding injuries, and their review
11 led to the development of the Stop the Bleed campaign; and

12 WHEREAS, Because a trauma victim can bleed to death within
13 five minutes, before professional emergency care arrives, the
14 program teaches citizens bleeding-control methods developed by
15 the military and first responders to help citizens become
16 immediate responders; and

17 WHEREAS, Nearly 45 million Americans lack access to an
18 appropriate trauma center within one hour of being injured;
19 ensuring access to trauma care requires many crucial components
20 and steps must be taken to ensure that our trauma centers,
21 trauma medical staff, and first responders have the resources
22 and skills they need to ensure the best possible chance of

1 survival for the injured patient; and

2 WHEREAS, Stop the Bleed also provides kits that include
3 such tools as tourniquets, dressings, and topical hemostatic
4 agents to help bystanders offer swift assistance at the scene
5 of a mass casualty or other incident; and

6 WHEREAS, These trauma kits can be affixed to walls in
7 public places, much like the cardiac defibrillators with which
8 most modern buildings are furnished; and

9 WHEREAS, The Stop the Bleed campaign is empowering citizens
10 across the country to save lives in situations when time is of
11 the absolute essence; and

12 WHEREAS, May 23rd has been designated as the National Stop
13 the Bleed Day by the American College of Surgeons Committee on
14 Trauma; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we recognize the Stop the Bleed campaign and encourage all
18 citizens to participate in the initiative and learn more about
19 the importance of bleeding control measures; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we declare May 23, 2019 as "Stop the Bleed

1 Day" in the State of Illinois.