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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Melissa Boratyn, a Chicago resident, was
3 diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 23, and now, eight
4 years later, continues her battle; and

5 WHEREAS, Melissa Boratyn met her husband, Jimmy Boratyn,
6 while they were undergraduate students at Loyola University
7 Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, Melissa Boratyn and her husband directed and
9 produced the film Ginger as a graduate school thesis project at
10 DePaul University in Chicago; and

11 WHEREAS, At its premier in November of 2018, Ginger won
12 Best of the Festival at the 10th Annual Lady Filmmakers
13 Festival in Beverly Hills, California; and

14 WHEREAS, Ginger was also awarded the World Humanitarian
15 Award at the 2018 Queens World Film Festival; and

16 WHEREAS, After a year of winning numerous awards at various
17 film festivals, Ginger will be released to the public to
18 achieve its intended goal of helping others; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 during the month of October 2019, National Breast Cancer
3 Awareness Month, we commend the efforts of Melissa Boratyn,
4 through her film Ginger, to help other young people battling
5 breast cancer and to inspire all audience members with a
6 message of hope, and we encourage all to promote awareness of,
7 and to advocate for, women who are battling breast cancer; and
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Melissa Boratyn as a symbol of our respect and
11 esteem.