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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are nearly 24 million people in the United
3 States with diabetes and 57 million people with pre-diabetes;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Diabetes contributed to the deaths of over 300,000
6 people in the United States in 2007, making diabetes the
7 seventh leading cause of death; and

8 WHEREAS, Every minute, three people are diagnosed with
9 diabetes; and

10 WHEREAS, Each day, approximately 4,384 people were
11 diagnosed with diabetes and approximately 1,600,000 new cases
12 of diabetes were diagnosed in people 20 years or older in 2007;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Between 1990 and 2001, diabetes prevalence in the
15 United States increased by more than 60%; and

16 WHEREAS, Over 24% of people with diabetes are undiagnosed,
17 down from 30% in 2005 and 50% in 2000; and

18 WHEREAS, Over 10% of adults and 23.1% of people age 60 and
19 older in the United States have diabetes; and

1 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a serious chronic condition that
2 affects people of every age, race, income level, and ethnicity;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Persons who are Hispanic, African, Asian, Pacific
5 Islander, or Native American are disproportionately affected
6 by diabetes and suffer at rates much higher than the general
7 population; and

8 WHEREAS, 15,000 youths in the United States are diagnosed
9 with type 1 diabetes annually; about 3,700 youths are diagnosed
10 with type 2 diabetes annually; and

11 WHEREAS, One in three people in the United States born in
12 the year 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime; this
13 statistic grows to nearly one in two for minority populations;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Diabetes cost the United States an estimated \$174
16 billion in 2007; \$1 in every \$10 spent on health care is
17 attributed to diabetes and its complications; and

18 WHEREAS, Approximately one out of every four Medicare
19 dollars is spent on the care of people with diabetes; and

1 WHEREAS, Every day, 230 people with diabetes undergo an
2 amputation, 120 people enter end-stage kidney disease
3 programs, and 55 people go blind from diabetes; and

4 WHEREAS, There is not yet a cure for diabetes; and

5 WHEREAS, There are proven means to reduce the incidence of
6 and delay the onset of type 2 diabetes; and

7 WHEREAS, People with diabetes live healthy and productive
8 lives with proper management and treatment; and

9 WHEREAS, National Diabetes Month is celebrated in the month
10 of November; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we designate November of 2011 as Diabetes Awareness Month in
14 the State of Illinois in order to raise public awareness about
15 stopping diabetes and increase education about the disease; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of early
18 detection, awareness of the symptoms of diabetes, and the risk
19 factors for type 2 diabetes, which include being over the age
20 of 45, coming from certain ethnic backgrounds, being

1 overweight, having a low physical activity level, high blood
2 pressure, and a family history of diabetes or a history of
3 diabetes during pregnancy; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we support efforts to decrease the
5 prevalence of diabetes, develop better treatments, and work
6 toward an eventual cure for type 1 and type 2 diabetes through
7 increased research, treatment, and prevention.