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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Hemophilia and related bleeding disorders are genetic conditions affecting thousands of people in the State of Illinois; they are characterized by the absence of one of several clotting factors necessary to control bleeding; the standard of care for the treatment of these disorders is to replace the absent clotting factors necessary to control bleeding; and

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WHEREAS, Without treatment, people with hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous bleeding episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the joint, muscles, internal organs, and brain; repeated bleeding episodes in joints result in chronic degenerative arthritic conditions, which often lead to frequent hospitalizations, permanent disability, and chronic pain; bleeding episodes involving internal organs and the brain can cause permanent damage, disability and even death; and

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WHEREAS, Severe bleeding episodes result in lost time at work and school, decreased quality of life, and the inability to perform basic living activities; and

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WHEREAS, With proper care and access to comprehensive medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related

1 bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and can lead
2 productive lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Visits to federally recognized Hemophilia
4 Treatment Centers of Excellence reduce morbidity and mortality
5 significantly; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to proper care
7 and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other
8 related bleeding disorders through previously enacted
9 legislation; and

10 WHEREAS, Hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders
11 and their complications are not well understood by the general
12 public; and

13 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois encourages efforts to
14 promote the understanding of hemophilia and other related
15 bleeding disorders so that they are treated properly;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 recognize Illinoisans participating in Bleeding Disorders
20 Awareness Month and advocacy events in March and throughout the
21 year; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the Director of the Bleeding and Clotting
3 Disorders Institute Michael Tarantino, M.D., the dedicated
4 staff at the federally recognized centers of excellence in
5 Illinois, and Bob Robinson and his team at the Bleeding
6 Disorders Alliance of Illinois.