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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, As many as 15 million Americans have food allergies; nearly six million are children under the age of 18; and

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WHEREAS, Research shows that the prevalence of a food allergy is increasing among children; and

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WHEREAS, Eight foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat; symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and

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WHEREAS, Food allergies result in more than 200,000 Emergency Department visits each year; restrictions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

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WHEREAS, The number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment has sharply increased over the past decade, with a 377 percent rise in medical procedures associated with anaphylaxis caused by food; and

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WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is

1 rapid onset and may cause death; and

2 WHEREAS, There is no cure for a food allergy, and
3 scientists do not understand why; strict avoidance of the
4 offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction;
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6 WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) is a
7 national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the
8 quality of life and the health of individuals with food
9 allergies; the organization also provides hope through the
10 promise of new treatments; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 declare the week of May 13-19, 2018 as Food Allergy Awareness
14 Week in the State of Illinois to encourage residents to
15 increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies
16 and anaphylaxis; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to FARE in recognition of their commitment to the 15
19 million Americans with food allergies.