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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical functions;

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WHEREAS, 65 million people around the world have epilepsy;

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WHEREAS, Nearly three million people in the United States have epilepsy; one in 26 people in the United States will

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develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime; there are

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150,000 new cases of epilepsy in the United States every year;

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WHEREAS, Over 200,000 people in the State of Illinois have epilepsy; and

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WHEREAS, Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder in the United States after migraines, stroke, and

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Alzheimer's disease; the prevalence of epilepsy is greater than

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autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis,

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and Parkinson's disease combined; and

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WHEREAS, One-third of people with epilepsy live with

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uncontrollable seizures because no available treatment works

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2 WHEREAS, 50,000 people die from epilepsy-related causes in  
3 the United States every year; and

4 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation affiliates in Illinois  
5 offer counseling, advocacy, and educational services to people  
6 with epilepsy, their families, and the communities in which  
7 they live; and

8 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation affiliates of Illinois  
9 lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure, and overcome  
10 challenges created by epilepsy; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date  
13 of May 17, 2017 as Illinois Epilepsy Advocacy Day in the State  
14 of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 presented to the Epilepsy Foundation of Chicago, the Epilepsy  
17 Foundation of North Central Illinois, and the Epilepsy  
18 Foundation of Southern Illinois.