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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation is an
3 accreditation given by the National Institutes of Health to
4 elite United States medical institutions that are leaders in
5 addressing the nation's cancer burden through research; and

6 WHEREAS, NCI-designated cancer centers have demonstrated
7 scientific excellence and the capability to integrate a
8 diversity of research approaches to focus on the problem of
9 cancer; patients cared for by NCI-designated centers have lower
10 mortality rates; and

11 WHEREAS, NCI-designated cancer centers have the ability to
12 bring in millions of dollars of additional federal funding for
13 cancer research through exclusive partnerships with the
14 National Institutes of Health; and

15 WHEREAS, NCI-designated cancer centers offer economic
16 benefits to their communities as well, with the potential of
17 over \$1 billion in economic impact by creating thousands of
18 jobs, recruiting world class physicians and scientists,
19 partnerships with private corporations, and the ability to
20 attract philanthropic donations; and

21 WHEREAS, Despite being the fifth most populous state,

1 Illinois currently only has two NCI-designated cancer centers,
2 compared to California which has ten, New York which has seven,
3 Pennsylvania which has five, Texas which has four, and North
4 Carolina which has three; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois has the sixth highest cancer mortality
6 rate in the country and some of the largest health disparities
7 outcomes in the country existing both in urban and rural
8 communities; and

9 WHEREAS, An additional NCI-designated cancer center in
10 Illinois could reduce cancer burden by increasing access to the
11 continuum of cancer care through partnerships across the State
12 and implementing a bench to community model where the providers
13 and researchers work directly with communities; and

14 WHEREAS, An additional NCI-designated cancer center can
15 also provide federal funding for training the next generation
16 of healthcare workers, including providing education in STEM
17 programs and mentorship opportunities, thus creating a stable
18 future healthcare workforce that would reflect the communities
19 being served; and

20 WHEREAS, A third NCI-designated cancer center in Illinois
21 means greater access to cutting-edge cancer research,
22 treatment, and clinical trials to improve cancer care outcomes

1 for Illinois residents; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support the accreditation of
5 an additional NCI-designated cancer center in Illinois; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the National Cancer Institute as a symbol of our
9 respect and esteem.