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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The term Dystonia encompasses a broad group of  
3 debilitating, incurable neurological conditions in which  
4 scientists have not yet discovered a certain cause, making this  
5 illness extremely difficult to diagnose; and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 250,000 Americans are living with  
7 dystonia, making it the third most common movement disorder,  
8 following essential tremor and Parkinson's disease; and

9 WHEREAS, The onset of dystonia is typically seen in early  
10 childhood, but it can also begin later in life during  
11 adolescence and adulthood; it has a lifelong span; and

12 WHEREAS, Currently, there is no cure for dystonia, only  
13 treatments to help ease symptoms, such as Botulinum toxin  
14 injections, deep brain stimulation, or other surgeries; and

15 WHEREAS, Recently, the Dystonia Coalition, a clinical  
16 research network for dystonia, has been established with  
17 support from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders  
18 and Stroke (NINDS) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
19 Office of Rare Disease Research as part of the Rare Disease  
20 Clinical Research Network; and

1           WHEREAS, The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
2 recognizes September as Dystonia Awareness Month, and a  
3 nationwide effort is being made to have the White House  
4 recognize September as Dystonia Awareness Month; therefore, be  
5 it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we recognize September 2019 as Dystonia Awareness Month and  
9 encourage research of this devastating condition in the hope  
10 that someday soon a cure is found.