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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is a non-contagious, systemic disease
3 of unknown origin and is commonly diagnosed with the detection
4 of inflamed, microscopic growths, called granulomas, which
5 most commonly affect the lungs but can affect any organ in the
6 body; many individuals stricken with sarcoidosis eventually
7 develop serious disabling conditions caused by damage to vital
8 organs, such as eyes, lungs, heart, brain, kidneys, and the
9 central nervous system; and

10 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is a disease that affects many of our
11 fellow citizens and people around the world and still remains a
12 mystery; skin-related symptoms of this chronic, multi-system
13 disease were first recognized over 100 years ago, however, the
14 effects of sarcoidosis on other bodily organs were not observed
15 until the first quarter of the 19th century; today, researchers
16 are still trying to learn more about the cause and the nature
17 of this affliction; and

18 WHEREAS, Researchers believe sarcoidosis results from the
19 inhalation of an infectious or allergic substance from the
20 environment, while others believe it is caused by an alteration
21 of the body's cellular immune system; and

22 WHEREAS, The National Sarcoidosis Society provides

1 services, educational awareness, and telephone support to
2 patients, veterans, and their families and, through an ongoing
3 campaign, promotes increased awareness of and medical research
4 into this debilitating disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is found throughout the world and
6 affects numerous citizens in Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we declare October 12, 2019 as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Day" in
10 the State of Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the National Sarcoidosis Society.