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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Hemophilia and related bleeding disorders are
3 genetic conditions affecting thousands of people in the State
4 of Illinois; they are characterized by the absence of one of
5 several clotting factors necessary to control bleeding; the
6 standard of care for the treatment of these disorders is to
7 replace the absent clotting factors necessary to control
8 bleeding; and

9 WHEREAS, Without treatment, people with hemophilia and
10 other related bleeding disorders face frequent, spontaneous
11 bleeding episodes in their joints, causing swelling in the
12 joint, muscles, internal organs, and brain; repeated bleeding
13 episodes in joints result in chronic degenerative arthritic
14 conditions, which often lead to frequent hospitalizations,
15 permanent disability, and chronic pain; bleeding episodes
16 involving internal organs and the brain can cause permanent
17 damage, disability, and even death; and

18 WHEREAS, Severe bleeding episodes result in lost time at
19 work and school, decreased quality of life, and the inability
20 to perform basic living activities; and

21 WHEREAS, With proper care and access to comprehensive
22 medical resources, persons with hemophilia and other related

1 bleeding disorders can control bleeding episodes and can lead
2 productive lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Visits to federally recognized Hemophilia
4 Treatment Centers of Excellence reduce morbidity and mortality
5 significantly; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to proper care
7 and treatment of children and adults with hemophilia and other
8 related bleeding disorders through previously enacted
9 legislation; and

10 WHEREAS, Hemophilia and other related bleeding disorders
11 and their complications are not well understood by the general
12 public; and

13 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois encourages efforts to
14 promote the understanding of hemophilia and other related
15 bleeding disorders so that they are treated properly;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we commend Illinoisans participating in Bleeding Disorders
20 Awareness Month and advocacy events in March 2020 and
21 throughout the year; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to Chief Medical Officer of the Bleeding and Clotting
3 Disorders Institute Michael Tarantino, M.D., the dedicated
4 staff at the federally recognized Hemophilia Treatment Centers
5 of Excellence in Illinois, and Bob Robinson and his team at the
6 Bleeding Disorders Alliance of Illinois.