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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, When a person is losing blood, every minute
3 counts, and the Stop the Bleed campaign of the American
4 College of Surgeons informs Americans about vital measures to
5 aid trauma victims; and

6 WHEREAS, The initiative was created in the wake of the
7 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; the
8 American College of Surgeons convened senior health care and
9 public safety leaders to produce a program that will improve
10 survival for victims suffering from bleeding injuries, and
11 their review led to the development of the Stop the Bleed
12 campaign; and

13 WHEREAS, Because a trauma victim can bleed to death within
14 five minutes, before professional emergency care arrives, the
15 program teaches citizens bleeding-control methods developed by
16 the military and first responders to help citizens become
17 immediate responders; and

18 WHEREAS, Nearly 45 million Americans lack access to an
19 appropriate trauma center within one hour of being injured;
20 ensuring access to trauma care requires many crucial
21 components, and steps must be taken to ensure that our trauma
22 centers, trauma medical staff, and first responders have the

1 resources and skills they need to ensure the best possible
2 chance of survival for the injured patient; and

3 WHEREAS, The Stop the Bleed campaign also provides kits
4 that include tools such as tourniquets, dressings, and topical
5 hemostatic agents to help bystanders offer swift assistance at
6 the scene of a mass casualty or other incident; and

7 WHEREAS, These trauma kits can be affixed to walls in
8 public places, much like the cardiac defibrillators with which
9 most modern buildings are furnished; and

10 WHEREAS, The Stop the Bleed campaign is empowering
11 citizens across the country to save lives in situations when
12 time is of the absolute essence; and

13 WHEREAS, May 20th has been designated as the National Stop
14 the Bleed Day by the American College of Surgeons Committee on
15 Trauma; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we recognize the Stop the Bleed campaign and encourage all
19 citizens to participate in the initiative and learn more about
20 the importance of bleeding control measures; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we declare May 20, 2021 as Stop the Bleed
2 Day in the State of Illinois.