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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, As many as 32 million Americans have food allergies, which includes nearly six million children under the age of 18; and

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WHEREAS, Research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and

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WHEREAS, Nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S., including shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame; symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, including anaphylaxis, which has a rapid onset and may cause death; and

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WHEREAS, Food allergy results in more than 200,000 U.S. emergency room visits each year; reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

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WHEREAS, The number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment is up sharply over the past decade with a 377 percent rise in insurance claim lines with diagnoses of anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016; and

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WHEREAS, FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a

1 national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the  
2 quality of life and the health of individuals with food  
3 allergies and to providing them hope through the promise of  
4 new treatments; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we declare the week of May 9 through 15, 2021 as Food Allergy  
8 Awareness Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we encourage the residents of Illinois to  
10 increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies  
11 and anaphylaxis.