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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Pregnancy and infant loss is a common occurrence,
3 one that is often not recognized; and

4 WHEREAS, Countless parents and families have suffered a
5 miscarriage, a stillbirth, or the death of an infant during
6 delivery or shortly after birth and experience a profound
7 sense of grief as a result; and

8 WHEREAS, Even the shortest lives are valuable, and the
9 grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should not be
10 trivialized; and

11 WHEREAS, This devastating tragedy often occurs suddenly
12 and without warning as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth,
13 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), congenital birth defects,
14 accident, or other causes or complications; and

15 WHEREAS, These parents and families require support and
16 understanding during their time of grief; and

17 WHEREAS, The tragedy of pregnancy and infant loss, which
18 exacts a terrible emotional toll, may be preventable in some
19 instances; and

1 WHEREAS, Promoting awareness of the challenges faced by
2 these parents and families is a positive means of establishing
3 support and understanding; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognizing pregnancy and infant loss enables us
5 to consider how, as individuals and communities, we can meet
6 the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members and
7 work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and

8 WHEREAS, Increased awareness of the causes and impacts
9 surrounding pregnancy and infant loss may lead to greater
10 understanding, support, and resources in communities across
11 the world; and

12 WHEREAS, The 15th day of October is recognized in parts of
13 the United States and in many other jurisdictions around the
14 world as a day of remembrance and awareness of pregnancy and
15 infant loss; in unity and support, The Trickster Cultural
16 Center, a Native American and cultural arts center, is hosting
17 a Baby Loss Journey Exhibit, curated by Native Veteran Jen
18 Debouver, opening October 2, 2021; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we declare October 15, 2021 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss
22 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois.