

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Blood-related cancers currently afflict more
3 than 700,000 Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, 110,000 new cases of leukemia, lymphoma,
5 myeloma, and other blood-related cancers are diagnosed each
6 year; more than 4,000 in Illinois alone; and

7 WHEREAS, Leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma will kill an
8 estimated 60,500 people in the United States this year; more
9 than 2,000 Illinoisans; and

10 WHEREAS, Leukemia is the leading cause of
11 disease-related death among children younger than 15 years;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Blood-related cancers account for over ten
14 percent of all cancer deaths in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Survival rates for blood-related cancers have
16 significantly improved over the past forty years as a direct
17 result of research outcomes, as well as services to assist
18 patients and their families; and

19 WHEREAS, During the month of September The Leukemia &
20 Lymphoma Society will hold a series of "Light the Night
21 Walks" throughout the State of Illinois to increase awareness
22 and raise funds to support blood-related cancer research and
23 services for people touched by blood-related cancers; and

24 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is similarly committed to
25 the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment
26 of its citizens that suffer from them; and

27 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois encourages efforts to
28 enhance research funding and educational programs that
29 address these diseases; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 September be designated as Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness
4 Month to enhance the understanding of blood-related cancers
5 and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to
6 support education programs and the funding of research
7 programs to find a cure for them.