



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Brain Awareness Week is an international effort  
3 organized by the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives to advance  
4 public awareness about the progress and benefits of brain  
5 research; the Dana Alliance is joined in the campaign by  
6 partners in the United States and around the world, including  
7 medical and research organizations, patient advocacy groups,  
8 the National Institutes of Health and other government  
9 agencies, service groups, hospitals and universities, K-12  
10 schools, and professional organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pilot Club of Jacksonville is participating in  
12 this year's Brain Awareness Week; the Club is one of over 470  
13 clubs in Pilot International, a global organization of  
14 executive, business, and professional leaders working together  
15 to improve the quality of life in local communities and  
16 throughout the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Pilot International provides guidance and  
18 encouragement to communities through sponsorship of safety and  
19 security awareness programs, especially as they relate to  
20 brain-related disorders; and

21 WHEREAS, Each year thousands of Illinoisans are diagnosed  
22 with devastating disorders of the brain, including  
23 Alzheimer's, schizophrenia, autism, and communication  
24 disorders, all of which cause considerable pain and suffering;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, We are reaching a new era of discovery based on  
27 the rapid progress that is being made in the study of the brain  
28 and the powerful new tools available to neuroscientists; and

29 WHEREAS, These technical advances have already greatly  
30 benefited people who are incapacitated by spinal cord injuries,

1 depressive disorders, epileptic seizures, Parkinson's disease,  
2 Huntington's disease, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, and  
3 other life-threatening disorders; and

4 WHEREAS, New insights from neuroscience research will give  
5 us a more concise understanding of how people become addicted  
6 to drugs and thereby provide more effective treatments for  
7 those with chemical dependencies; and

8 WHEREAS, Scientists at Illinois' premiere universities,  
9 private colleges, and research institutes are at the forefront  
10 of many of the most promising efforts to understand the  
11 complexities of the brain, to alleviate the pain and suffering  
12 associated with brain disorders and reduce the cost of treating  
13 neurological diseases; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we recognize the week of March 14-20, 2005, as Brain Awareness  
17 Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the Pilot Club of Jacksonville.