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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The City of Naperville has implemented a database 3 to identify persons with disabilities and their prospective 4 issues regarding emergency assistance in conjunction with 5 Illinois' 911 emergency assistance line; and

WHEREAS, The City of Naperville has adopted the Medical 6 7 Emergency and Disability Information on Computer program 8 (MEDIC); this database tracks pertinent information about 9 citizens who may require special consideration in emergencies; 10 prior to arrival on the scene, this program allows the 9-1-1 emergency operators to alert emergency medical personnel of any 11 life-threatening medical conditions or fire and police 12 personnel of persons with disabilities who may require special 13 14 assistance during an emergency; and

15 WHEREAS, The database is compiled and updated by local fire 16 districts upon the specific request of those citizens with a 17 physical or mental disability within their areas of concern; 18 and

19 WHEREAS, The information is provided to the 9-1-1 emergency 20 response program with local obligation; and

21 WHEREAS, The database is updated by the local fire 22 districts on a yearly basis with immediate updates concerning a 23 change in a citizen's situation as well; and

24 WHEREAS, The success of the MEDIC program within the City 25 of Naperville should be recognized; implementation of a program 26 such as this should be seriously examined by other local 27 governments; and

28 WHEREAS, Local first responders' understanding of their 29 surroundings during an emergency response greatly improves the HR0812 -2- LRB094 15847 CSA 51133 r

1 chances of citizen safety; and

2 WHEREAS, Additionally, those in the community who are in 3 need of special assistance, especially the senior citizens and 4 persons with disabilities, deserve the best protection and 5 emergency awareness that the first responders and communities 6 can provide; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 8 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 9 we recognize and support statewide awareness of the MEDIC 10 program and its potential for saving lives, not only in the 11 City of Naperville, but throughout the State of Illinois.