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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Vasculitis is an inflammation of the blood
3 vessels; also called angiitis, vasculitis causes changes in the
4 walls of blood vessels, including thickening, weakening,
5 narrowing, and scarring; the inflammation from these changes
6 can be short-term (acute) or long-term (chronic) and can be so
7 severe that the tissues and organs supplied by the affected
8 vessels don't receive enough blood; this shortage of blood can
9 result in organ and tissue damage, and even death; and

10 WHEREAS, Many types of vasculitis exist and, although rare,
11 vasculitis can affect anyone; some age groups are affected more
12 than others, depending on the type of vasculitis; while some
13 forms of vasculitis improve on their own, others require
14 treatment, which often includes long-term medication; each
15 year, 100,000 Americans are hospitalized for vasculitis care;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Diseases resulting from vasculitis include
18 Behcet's disease, Buerger's disease, Central Nervous System,
19 Churg Strauss syndrome, Cryoglobulinemia, Giant Cell
20 Arteritis, Henoch-Schönlein purpura, Hypersensitivity
21 vasculitis, Kawasaki disease, Microscopic Polyangiitis,
22 Polyarteritis nodosa, Polymyalgia rheumatica, Rheumatoid
23 vasculitis, Takayasu's arteritis, and Wegener's

1 Granulomatosis; and

2 WHEREAS, The Vasculitis Foundation, with the help of
3 grassroots support, works to support positive change in the
4 lives of people who live with vasculitis; the foundation's
5 members work in Washington D.C. to educate Congress about
6 Vasculitis and the need to support research funding so that a
7 modern science can better understand the disease and identify
8 advanced treatments and, one day, find a cure; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 designate the week of May 3-9, 2009 as Vasculitis Awareness
12 Week in the State of Illinois in order to help educate the
13 public about vasculitis diseases and the need for research
14 funding; with this resolution, Illinois will be the first State
15 to officially recognize this disease with an Awareness Week;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to The Vasculitis Foundation as a symbol of our
19 support.