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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Developmental disabilities are defined as those disabilities caused by intellectual or cognitive disability, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or any other condition which results in impairment similar to that of intellectual disability, which originates before the age of 18 and is expected to continue indefinitely; and

- 8 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.8 percent of the U.S. population 9 is afflicted with a developmental disability and one in 150 10 children will be diagnosed with autism; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Every individual with a developmental disability 12 has the right to live with dignity, to achieve their highest 13 potential, and to be included in our communities; and
- 14 Hundreds of WHEREAS, persons with developmental disabilities and their families will convene in the Illinois 15 State Capitol on May 21, 2009 to show their support for 16 legislation, funding, and policies that support individuals 17 18 with developmental disabilities, including autism, and that 19 promote self-determination and inclusion in our communities; therefore, be it 20
- 21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

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- 1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 2 do hereby proclaim May 21, 2009 as Disability Freedom Quest Day
- 3 at the Illinois State Capitol.