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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In the United States, approximately 12,000 women each year are diagnosed with cervical cancer; approximately 4,000 women each year die from cervical cancer in the U.S.; and

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WHEREAS, Half of the women diagnosed with the disease are between 35 and 55 years of age; approximately 20% of diagnoses are made in women older than 65; and

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WHEREAS, Cervical cancer rates vary, but occur more often in African-American women and Hispanic women than in non-Hispanic white women; and

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WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is usually a slow-growing cancer that may not have symptoms; cervical cancer is primarily caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), but can be detected by Papanicolaou test (Pap tests) or other early detection tests; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides access to screening and treatment options, including free pelvic exams and Pap tests for qualifying uninsured women; and

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WHEREAS, Detecting cervical cancer in its earliest stages

1 greatly improves survival rates; and

2 WHEREAS, Over 90% of women diagnosed with cervical cancer
3 can survive when the cancer is localized and is caught in its
4 early stages; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 designate the month of January as Cervical Health Awareness
8 Month in the State of Illinois and encourage the citizens of
9 this State to recognize the importance of good cervical health
10 and of detecting cervical cancer in its earliest stages; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That we recognize the patients and survivors of
13 cervical cancer for their tremendous courage and
14 determination.