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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological
3 movement disorder of the central nervous system; the disease
4 has a unique impact on each patient; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Parkinson's Action Network,
6 Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the National Parkinson
7 Foundation, the American Parkinson Disease Association, and
8 the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million
9 Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Symptoms of Parkinson's disease include slowness,
11 tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, and
12 cognitive and memory problems; and

13 WHEREAS, Although new medicines and therapies may enhance
14 life for some time for people with Parkinson's disease, more
15 work is needed for a cure; and

16 WHEREAS, Increased education and research are needed to
17 find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and,
18 ultimately, a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

19 WHEREAS, A multi-disciplinary approach to Parkinson's
20 disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver

1 groups; and

2 WHEREAS, The month of April has been proclaimed as World
3 Wide Parkinson's Awareness Month in order to recognize the need
4 for more research and help in dealing with the devastating
5 effects of Parkinson's disease; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we designate the month of April as Parkinson's Disease
9 Awareness Month in the State of Illinois to aid in the fight
10 against Parkinson's disease and its effects on the people of
11 this State and the world at large.