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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder can affect all individuals regardless of racial, ethnic, economic, and social groups; and

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WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined; and

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WHEREAS, It is diagnosed in 1 in 110 individuals in the United States based on the 2007 CDC statistics; and

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WHEREAS, The cause of Autism Spectrum Disorder is still unknown but research strongly suggests that it is caused by certain factors that affect brain development; and

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WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder has increased tenfold in the last decade and now occurs in some form in 1 in 90 boys in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Autism, which is four times more common in boys than girls, usually appears during the first three years of life; and

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WHEREAS, Early diagnosis, research, training, education, and therapies are vital to reducing the effects of Autism; and

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1           WHEREAS, Current research suspects that there is not a  
2 single cause that will ultimately be discovered but rather a  
3 cluster of factors which include genetics, pregnancy/birth  
4 complications, viral infections, metabolic disorders,  
5 congenital anomaly syndrome (birth defects), and environmental  
6 toxins; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we designate April 24, 2012 as Autism Lobby Day in the State of  
10 Illinois for the purpose of urging both government and its  
11 citizenry to become aware and educated on the subject of Autism  
12 Spectrum Disorders.