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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 2012, a program and scientific symposium was held in Madrid, Spain as the first "World PH (Pulmonary Hypertension) Day" celebration; the day was officially endorsed by 22 patient associations, 10 rare and affiliated disease organizations, and 8 scientific societies; and

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WHEREAS, May 5 was chosen as "World PH Day" because it is the anniversary of the first child's death in Spain from pulmonary hypertension as a result of toxic rapeseed oil more than 30 years ago; in 2013, the May 5 date was upheld as "World PH Day" by popular consensus; and

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WHEREAS, "World PH Day" is the recognition and declaration of a World Pulmonary Hypertension Day and is a step forward in the consolidation of worldwide PH awareness; "World PH Day" will focus on the importance of improving the quality of life and life expectancy for more than 25 million people living with PH worldwide; pulmonary hypertension can be a fatal disease that is difficult to diagnose; pulmonary hypertension, or PH, is high blood pressure in the lungs; it is estimated that there are approximately 30,000 diagnosed PH patients in the United States, but it is believed that as many as 100,000 people are living with undiagnosed PH; and

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1 WHEREAS, As part of "World PH Day", the PHA Midwest Chapter
2 is holding the CVS Caremark Stride for a Cure; an O2 breathe 5K
3 Run and Walk May 4, 2014 in the Chicago Botanic Garden in
4 Glencoe; the O2 breathe Walks are an opportunity for the
5 pulmonary hypertension community to come together and raise
6 awareness of the disease in their local communities; therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we recognize World PH Day to be held on May 4, 2014 in order to
11 draw attention to the serious issue of pulmonary hypertension;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the PHA Midwest Chapter.