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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is a recessive
3 form of muscular dystrophy that causes muscle weakness with
4 symptoms beginning in early childhood and has no cure; and

5 WHEREAS, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is caused by a
6 mutation in the dystrophin gene, located on the X chromosome,
7 which is spread to the child through genetics affecting around
8 1 in 3,600 boys; women can also carry the gene, but typically
9 do not show the effects of DMD; and

10 WHEREAS, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is not first
11 noticeable at birth, with symptoms usually showing early signs
12 around ages 1-3, but symptoms progressively increase as the
13 child grows older; and

14 WHEREAS, The early signs of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy are
15 the child having difficulty walking and running; when holding
16 the child you can feel a looseness of muscles; calf muscles
17 look bulky, but are weak; as the child grows older, they use
18 their hands to help themselves get up; the child's speech
19 development may also be delayed; and

20 WHEREAS, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy can affect boys from
21 any background and is not more prevalent in any race, culture,

1 or socioeconomic background compared to another; and

2 WHEREAS, There is no cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy,
3 but treatments exist which have made great progress to help
4 people living with this disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is a fatal disorder,
6 with those who are affected having a life expectancy of around
7 25 years; living with this disease is incredibly difficult for
8 the child and their families; and

9 WHEREAS, The Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy was
10 established in 1994 to help families living with this disease,
11 bring awareness to the public, and raise funds to expand
12 research for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and

13 WHEREAS, The 20th annual conference of the Parent Project
14 Muscular Dystrophy will be held June 26-29 in Chicago; this
15 conference brings families from around the world together to
16 learn about the progress being made in the fight to end
17 Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we designate the week of June 23-29, 2014 as Duchenne Muscular
21 Dystrophy Awareness Week in the State of Illinois; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 presented to the Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy as a symbol
4 of our esteem and respect.