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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability
3 and the most common cause of reading, writing, and spelling
4 difficulties; and

5 WHEREAS, Dyslexia affects 70%-80% of people with reading
6 difficulties and is more common than autism, attention deficit
7 disorder, and attention deficit hyperactive disorder; and

8 WHEREAS, At least 2 million people in Illinois show
9 symptoms of dyslexia; and

10 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a neurological and genetic disorder,
11 affecting all ethnicities and socio-economic statuses equally;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Students with dyslexia face difficulty learning
14 to read and, if left undiagnosed, often become frustrated with
15 academic study; and

16 WHEREAS, With the help of intervention before 1st grade,
17 students with dyslexia can learn to read and write at grade
18 level; and

19 WHEREAS, If children with dyslexia are poor readers in 3rd

1 grade, they will likely remain poor readers into their adult
2 lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Globally, great strides have been made to raise
4 awareness about dyslexia to promote early diagnosis, including
5 the designation of October as National Dyslexia Awareness Month
6 in the United States of America; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the
9 national observance of Dyslexia Awareness Week during the last
10 week of October in 2014; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we designate the week of December 8, 2014 as
12 Dyslexia Awareness Week in the State of Illinois; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of improving
15 awareness and encouraging early diagnosis of dyslexia; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That we wholeheartedly support a State,
18 national, and global commitment to improving the reading
19 abilities of children and adults who struggle with dyslexia.