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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Drug overdose is an epidemic affecting thousands  
3 of persons and families in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, More than 1 out of every 10,000 people in Illinois  
5 died last year due to drug overdoses; and

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WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control, in  
7 2013, there were 43,982 drug overdoses, which amounts to 120  
8 deaths per day; and

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WHEREAS, In the United States, drug overdose has become the  
10 leading cause of injury death, now surpassing motor vehicle  
11 accident deaths; and

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WHEREAS, During a study in 2011, the Drug Abuse Warning  
13 Network found that drug misuse and abuse caused about 2.5  
14 million emergency department visits; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has the 12th lowest drug  
16 overdose mortality rate in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to the  
18 recognition, care, and treatment of those with substance abuse  
19 problems; and

1           WHEREAS, International Drug Awareness Day is August 31; the  
2 day is aimed to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the  
3 steady increase of drug-related deaths; and

4           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois encourages efforts to  
5 promote understanding and awareness of drug overdoses and other  
6 substance abuse problems; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 congratulate all Illinoisans who are participating in  
10 International Drug Awareness Day recognition and advocacy  
11 events in August and throughout the year; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the organizers of the 1st Annual Drug Overdose  
14 Awareness Walk in Canton.