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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a bacterial disease transmitted by the bite of an infected tick; it is estimated that 300,000 people are diagnosed with Lyme disease in the U.S. every year, making it more highly diagnosed than HIV/AIDS; and

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WHEREAS, In the U.S., the number of Lyme cases reported annually is approximately 25 times greater today than in 1982; Lyme disease had been found on every continent but Antarctica; it is often called the great imitator, disguising itself as many other health problems such as Fibromyalgia, Arthritis, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Bells Palsy, ADD, MS, and Lupus; and

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WHEREAS, If Lyme disease is caught early, it can be treated relatively well with a reasonable course of antibiotics; however, most Lyme disease patients and their physicians do not catch it early on, if at all; for patients who have had Lyme disease for more than a year, significantly more extensive treatment is necessary; the standard prescription of antibiotics is generally far too insufficient in treating chronic Lyme disease; and

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WHEREAS, World Lyme Day serves to generate awareness about Lyme disease; it is observed annually on May 1st in an effort to raise awareness about Lyme disease and prevent the growing

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1 number of cases worldwide; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 declare May 1, 2018 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Day" in the
5 State of Illinois to bring increased attention to this chronic
6 malady.