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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The term Dystonia Encompasses a broad group of
3 debilitating, incurable neurological conditions in which
4 scientists have not yet discovered a certain cause, making this
5 illness extremely difficult to diagnose; and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 250,000 Americans are living with
7 dystonia, making it the third most common movement disorder,
8 only following essential tremor and Parkinson's disease; and

9 WHEREAS, The onset of dystonia is typically seen in early
10 childhood, but can also begin later in life during adolescence
11 and adulthood, and spans lifelong; and

12 WHEREAS, Currently, there is no cure for dystonia, only
13 treatments to help ease symptoms, such as Botulinum toxin
14 injections, deep brain stimulation, or other surgeries; and

15 WHEREAS, Recently, the Dystonia Coalition, a clinical
16 research network for dystonia, has been established with
17 support from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders
18 and Stroke (NINDS) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
19 Office of Rare Disease Research, as part of the Rare Disease
20 Clinical Research Network; and

1 WHEREAS, The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
2 recognizes September as Dystonia Awareness Month, and a
3 nationwide effort is being made to have the White House
4 recognize September as Dystonia Awareness Month; therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 recognize September 2018 as Dystonia Awareness Month and
9 encourage research of this devastating condition in the hope
10 that someday soon a cure is found.