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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Of all of the types of childhood muscular
3 dystrophies, duchenne muscular dystrophy is the world's most
4 common and catastrophic form of genetic childhood disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy is characterized by
6 rapidly progressive muscle weakness; and

7 WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy is genetically
8 inherited, with mothers being the carriers in 70% of all cases;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, If a female is a carrier of the dystrophin gene,
11 there is a 50% chance per birth that her male offspring will
12 have duchenne muscular dystrophy, and a 50% chance per birth
13 that her female offspring will be carriers of the gene; and

14 WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy affects approximately
15 1 in every 3,500 boys worldwide; and

16 WHEREAS, The life expectancy of children with duchenne
17 muscular dystrophy is their late teens to early twenties;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 designate the date of June 20 of every year as Duchenne
3 Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day in the State of Illinois.