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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder can affect any  
3 individual regardless of racial, ethnic, economic, or social  
4 group; and

5 WHEREAS, About one in 6 children in the U.S. had a  
6 developmental disability in 2006-2008, ranging from mild  
7 disabilities such as speech and language impairments to serious  
8 developmental disabilities, such as intellectual disabilities,  
9 cerebral palsy, and autism; and

10 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is more common than  
11 pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined; and

12 WHEREAS, Studies in Asia, Europe, and North America have  
13 identified individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder with an  
14 average prevalence of about 1%; a recent study in South Korea  
15 reported a prevalence of 2.6%; and

16 WHEREAS, About one in 88 children has been identified with  
17 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) according to estimates from  
18 CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM)  
19 Network; and

20 WHEREAS, The cause of Autism Spectrum Disorder is still

1 unknown; the research strongly suggests that it is caused by  
2 certain factors that affect brain development; and

3 WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder has increased tenfold in  
4 the last decade and now occurs in some form in one in 54 boys in  
5 the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Autism, which is 5 times more common among boys  
7 than girls, usually appears during the first 3 years of life;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis, research, training, education,  
10 and therapies are vital to reducing the effects of Autism; and

11 WHEREAS, Current research suspects that there is not a  
12 single cause that will ultimately be discovered but rather a  
13 cluster of factors which include genetics, pregnancy/birth  
14 complications, viral infections, metabolic disorders,  
15 congenital anomaly syndrome (birth defects), and environmental  
16 toxins; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we designate April 17, 2013, as Autism Day in the State of  
20 Illinois to urge both government and its citizenry to become  
21 aware and educated on the subject of Autism Spectrum Disorders.