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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Each year sudden cardiac arrest claims the lives  
3 of approximately 383,000 Americans outside of the hospital; it  
4 strikes people of all levels of fitness, and it usually strikes  
5 without warning; and

6           WHEREAS, In many cases, sudden cardiac arrest is caused by  
7 an abnormal heart rhythm called ventricular fibrillation that  
8 prevents the heart from pumping blood; and

9           WHEREAS, The treatment for ventricular fibrillation is  
10 defibrillation, which is the delivery of an electric shock to  
11 the heart that stops ventricular fibrillation and allows a  
12 normal heart rhythm to resume; and

13           WHEREAS, Providing defibrillation on-site with an  
14 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can significantly  
15 increase survival rates for ventricular fibrillation cardiac  
16 arrest; and

17           WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is a national  
18 voluntary health agency whose mission is to reduce disability  
19 and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke, and it is  
20 dedicated to helping businesses and communities establish  
21 on-site AED programs; and

1           WHEREAS, The American Heart Association and its volunteers  
2 have assisted in the establishment of AED programs at the  
3 Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate by  
4 providing life-saving CPR and AED training for General Assembly  
5 employees in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2012, and 2014; and

6           WHEREAS, The American Heart Association volunteer  
7 instructors for the 2014 General Assembly employee training  
8 session were J R Dietl, Katherine Johnson, Marion Rose, Claire  
9 Dalal, Terry Bowman, Jacintha Robinson, Lorene Warren, Gina  
10 Deno-Thomas, and Lori Flowers; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we commend the American Heart Association for its efforts to  
14 save lives through education and training, and we thank the  
15 American Heart Association and its volunteers for providing CPR  
16 and AED training for General Assembly employees; and be it  
17 further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the Greater Midwest Affiliate of the American  
20 Heart Association as an expression of our gratitude for its  
21 role in providing heart-health education and life-saving  
22 training.