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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also  
3 commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal  
4 neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses  
5 connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's  
6 ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

7 WHEREAS, Thousands of new ALS cases are reported every  
8 year, and estimates show that someone is diagnosed with ALS  
9 and someone passes away from ALS every 90 minutes; and

10 WHEREAS, On average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive  
11 only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

12 WHEREAS, The exact causes of ALS are unknown, and there is  
13 no known cure for ALS; and

14 WHEREAS, People who have served in the military are more  
15 likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with  
16 no history of military service; and

17 WHEREAS, Securing access to new therapies, durable medical  
18 equipment, and communication technologies is of vital  
19 importance to people living with ALS; and

1           WHEREAS, Clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating  
2 new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering  
3 assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

4           WHEREAS, The ALS Association is the largest philanthropic  
5 funder of ALS research globally and has committed more than  
6 \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the  
7 United States and 18 other countries; and

8           WHEREAS, The ALS Association is committed to making ALS  
9 livable and curing it for everyone, everywhere; and

10           WHEREAS, ALS Awareness Month, held annually in May,  
11 provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the  
12 dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the  
13 terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and  
14 their families, and support research to eradicate this  
15 disease; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we declare May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month in the State of  
19 Illinois, and we call upon all Illinoisans to engage in  
20 supporting amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) research,  
21 advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity  
22 with those affected by this relentless disease; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the ALS Association as a symbol of our respect and  
4 esteem.