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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Millions of older persons are abused, neglected,  
3 and exploited every year; and

4 WHEREAS, Elder abuse is an intentional act, or failure to  
5 act, by a caregiver or another person in a relationship that  
6 causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult; and

7 WHEREAS, No person is immune to abuse, neglect, and  
8 exploitation; and

9 WHEREAS, An estimated \$2.6 billion or more is lost annually  
10 due to elder financial abuse and exploitation; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2014, an estimated 35.9% of disabled adults  
12 ages 65 and older were abused; and

13 WHEREAS, Elders with dementia are at a greater risk of  
14 abuse than those without and are particularly vulnerable to  
15 abuse because of impairments in memory, communication  
16 abilities, and judgment; and

17 WHEREAS, Experts believe that for every case of elder abuse  
18 or neglect reported, as many as 23 go unreported; and

1           WHEREAS, The National Center on Elder Abuse encourages  
2 individuals and organizations to raise public awareness about  
3 elder abuse; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 urge the citizens of the State of Illinois to become aware of  
7 elder abuse and neglect; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That we designate the date of June 15, 2018 as  
9 Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the State of Illinois.