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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces  
3 seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical functions;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, 65 million people around the world have epilepsy;  
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7 WHEREAS, Nearly three million people in the United States  
8 have epilepsy; one in 26 people in the United States will  
9 develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime; there are  
10 150,000 new cases of epilepsy in the United States every year;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Over 200,000 people in the State of Illinois have  
13 epilepsy; and

14 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological  
15 disorder in the United States after migraines, stroke, and  
16 Alzheimer's disease; the prevalence of epilepsy is greater than  
17 autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis,  
18 and Parkinson's disease combined; and

19 WHEREAS, One-third of people with epilepsy live with  
20 uncontrollable seizures because no available treatment works

1 for them; and

2 WHEREAS, 50,000 people die from epilepsy-related causes in  
3 the United States every year; and

4 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation affiliates in Illinois  
5 offer counseling, advocacy, and educational services to people  
6 with epilepsy, their families, and the communities in which  
7 they live; and

8 WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation affiliates of Illinois  
9 lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure, and overcome  
10 challenges created by epilepsy; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we designate the date of March 6, 2019 as Illinois Epilepsy  
14 Advocacy Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 presented to the Epilepsy Foundation of Chicago, the Epilepsy  
17 Foundation of North Central Illinois, and the Epilepsy  
18 Foundation of Southern Illinois.