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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease most commonly affecting people of all ages and races worldwide; studies have shown that sarcoidosis affects young adults of both sexes, with more cases in females; the disease occurs at a higher rate among African Americans and people of European descent; and

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WHEREAS, Many people with sarcoidosis experience nonspecific symptoms of fever, fatigue, weight loss, night sweats, and an overall feeling of malaise; these symptoms most often result in the disease going untreated; the disease most commonly targets the lungs and lymph nodes but may occur in the eyes, skin, or any other area of the body; it causes the immune system to attack the body's own tissues; and

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WHEREAS, Although prevalence rates for sarcoidosis can only be estimated, the estimated prevalence rates in the United States range from one to 40 per 100,000 people; and

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WHEREAS, While progress has been made in understanding sarcoidosis, the cause is unknown, and it is likely that there may be more than one cause; there is currently no cure for sarcoidosis; and

1 WHEREAS, Through increased research and improving
2 treatments, finding a cure for this disease may be possible;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we declare April 2019 as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Month" in the
7 State of Illinois to encourage the citizens of our State to
8 gain a greater understanding of the disease and to encourage
9 the funding of research programs to find a cure; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the Foundation For Sarcoidosis Research in
13 Chicago.