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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Preeclampsia is a serious disease related to high blood pressure that can strike quickly and happen to any pregnant woman during the second half of her pregnancy or up to six weeks after delivery; finding preeclampsia early is important for both mothers and their babies; and

WHEREAS, Preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HPDs) are the leading cause of maternal and infant death worldwide; approximately 76,000 maternal and 500,000 infant deaths occur every year as a result of HPDs; and

WHEREAS, Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy are also a leading cause of maternal and infant illness; preeclampsia is a common cause of caregiver-initiated preterm delivery and accounts for approximately 20 percent of all intensive care unit admissions of newborn babies; and

WHEREAS, For mothers, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy can cause complications with long-lasting consequences, such as stroke; hypertensive disorders of pregnancy are strongly associated with a heightened risk of future cardiovascular disease, the leading non-communicable disease (NCD) worldwide; and

1 WHEREAS, Too many lives are taken or seriously affected by
2 hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, which is especially true
3 in countries where access to care is limited; with no known
4 cause, the need for basic and clinical research to advance our
5 medical understanding and healthcare practices must be
6 prioritized; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we recognize World Preeclampsia Day on May 22, 2018 and its
10 initiative to raise awareness of preeclampsia and its global
11 impact on the lives of mothers, babies, and families; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That we support all efforts that call upon
14 governments and health systems to recognize the importance of
15 detecting and diagnosing risk factors and preventing and
16 treating hypertensive pregnancy disorders, that encourage
17 additional research funding into preeclampsia and related
18 disorders, that prioritize patient and community education and
19 treatment for these disorders, that prioritize education,
20 training, and access to medical resources for healthcare
21 providers, that address prevention through a better
22 understanding of the causes, and that encourage collaboration
23 and partnerships between public and private sector
24 organizations to support and advance these goals.