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HOUSE RESOLUTION 225

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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 declare Preeclampsia Day in Illinois on May 22, 2019 to
10 raise awareness of preeclampsia and its global impact on the
11 lives of mothers, babies, and families; and be it further

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