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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many children are affected by childhood cancers,
3 including acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), which is the most
4 common type of childhood cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, 98% of children with ALL go into remission within
6 weeks of starting treatment, and approximately 90% of those
7 children can be cured (in remission for 10 years) with proper
8 treatment; and

9 WHEREAS, Vincristine is a low-cost chemotherapy medication
10 that has proven effective in treating childhood cancers,
11 including ALL, and is frequently used to treat childhood
12 cancers; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the FDA, production issues with the
14 sole supplier of vincristine may lead to a months-long
15 shortage; and

16 WHEREAS, Shortages of vincristine may lead to rationing,
17 patients being forced to skip doses, or patients receiving
18 lower doses than optimal, which may decrease the effectiveness
19 of treatment; and

20 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that approximately 65% of

1 pediatric hematologists and oncologists had patients who were
2 affected by drug shortages; and

3 WHEREAS, A survey of hospitals has found that, on average,
4 hospitals in the United States dedicate more than 8.6 million
5 additional labor hours annually to manage drug shortages,
6 creating a financial impact of nearly \$360 million; and

7 WHEREAS, The Children's Oncology Group, a clinical trials
8 group supported by the National Cancer Institute which is the
9 world's largest organization devoted exclusively to pediatric
10 cancer research, has called for intervention by governments to
11 combat future drug shortages; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we urge all stakeholders to work together in a cooperative
15 fashion to not only resolve the current production issues
16 effecting vincristine but also to further examine strategies to
17 combat critical drug shortages; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to Governor Pritzker, all U.S. Senators, and all U.S.
20 Representatives.