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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Endometriosis is a condition where tissue similar
3 to the lining of the uterus, which should only be located
4 inside the uterus, is found elsewhere in the body; and

5 WHEREAS, It is generally acknowledged that an estimated
6 10% of all women during their reproductive years are affected
7 by endometriosis; this equates to 176 million women throughout
8 the world who have to deal with the symptoms of endometriosis
9 during the prime years of their lives, seven to ten million of
10 whom are in the U.S.; and

11 WHEREAS, Many women suffer for seven to ten years before
12 being properly diagnosed and treated for the disease; 30 to
13 40% of women with endometriosis are infertile; and

14 WHEREAS, Endometriosis costs the U.S. over \$87 billion a
15 year in medical costs and work productivity; and

16 WHEREAS, Federal research dollars for endometriosis amount
17 to approximately 82 cents per patient every year; there is no
18 cure, but treatment can reduce the intensity of the symptoms;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Every 16 seconds a baby girl is born in the U.S.

1 who will have endometriosis; and

2 WHEREAS, Endometriosis causes patients enormous pain, but
3 many are ineligible for disability benefits despite how much
4 it can disrupt their working life; there is a history of
5 providing poor treatment for this condition, as many minimize
6 the seriousness of this problem; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we urge the citizens of Illinois to increase their
10 understanding of endometriosis, and we urge the General
11 Assembly to pursue legislation to provide more comprehensive
12 coverage for this frequently misdiagnosed debilitating
13 condition.