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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Genetic counselors empower patients and their
3 families with vital healthcare information, guidance and
4 emotional support to help them understand their family
5 history, evaluate genetic testing options, and make informed
6 choices based on test results; and

7 WHEREAS, There are over 150 certified genetic counselors
8 in Illinois working in prenatal, fertility, pediatrics,
9 metabolic, cardiovascular, neurology, and cancer care; there
10 are 5,000 genetic counselors across the country; and

11 WHEREAS, Many people benefit from increased genetic
12 sequencing research and genetic counseling, including anyone
13 with a condition linked to a specific gene or with a family
14 history of an inherited disease or anyone who is considering
15 genetic testing; and

16 WHEREAS, Genetic counselors streamline the healthcare
17 industry by ensuring the right tests are being ordered,
18 avoiding costly and unnecessary costs and tests, helping
19 patients and providers to understand complex test results and
20 how to best use this information, helping consult potential
21 parents on the intimidating potential of passing on inherited
22 diseases, sharing information with family members, and

1 providing recommendations for community support services;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 the Illinois House of Representatives recognizes that the
6 sequencing of the human genome is one of the most significant
7 scientific accomplishments of the past hundred years and
8 expresses support for genetic counselors who are using this
9 research to improve the lives of many throughout the state;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we declare November 4, 2021 as Genetic
12 Counselor Awareness Day in the State of Illinois.