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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A cancer survivor is defined as anyone living
3 with a history of cancer, from the moment of diagnosis through
4 the remainder of life, and there are more than 18 million
5 cancer survivors in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, National Cancer Survivors Day is an annual,
7 treasured celebration of life that is held across the United
8 States on the first Sunday in June; on this day, people come
9 together to commemorate cancer survivors; the day further
10 serves to remind us all that cancer is a disease without
11 boundaries, crossing the lines of color, race, creed, sex, and
12 age, which affects not only the lives of those inflicted with
13 the disease but their loved ones as well; and

14 WHEREAS, On National Cancer Survivors Day, thousands
15 gather to honor cancer survivors and to show the world that
16 life after a cancer diagnosis can be fruitful, rewarding, and
17 inspiring; this day also provides an opportunity to draw
18 attention to the ongoing challenges of cancer survivorship and
19 promote the need for more resources, research, and
20 survivor-friendly legislation to improve cancer survivors'
21 quality of life; and

22 WHEREAS, National Cancer Survivors Day further allows

1 cancer survivors the opportunity to recognize the people who
2 have helped them through their journey in addressing and
3 fighting cancer, including family members, friends, and
4 medical professionals; and

5 WHEREAS, Due to advances in cancer prevention, early
6 detection, treatment, and follow-up care, more people than
7 ever before are surviving the disease; in the United States
8 alone, more than 18 million people are alive today after being
9 diagnosed with cancer, and the number of cancer survivors is
10 projected to increase to over 22 million by 2030; and

11 WHEREAS, Nonetheless, surviving cancer can leave a host of
12 problems in its wake, including physical, emotional, and
13 financial hardships that often persist for years after
14 diagnosis and treatment; cancer survivors are also at a
15 greater risk for developing second cancers and other health
16 conditions; and

17 WHEREAS, Cancer survivors may face numerous challenges
18 during and after treatment, including limited access to cancer
19 specialists and promising new treatments, difficulty accessing
20 health insurance and life insurance coverage, difficulty
21 finding jobs, and economic burdens due to mounting medical
22 expenses, lost wages, and lost productivity; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to these challenges, cancer survivors
2 may face emotional struggles, strains on personal
3 relationships, and profound fear of cancer recurrence; the
4 effects of cancer do not simply end when treatment does; and

5 WHEREAS, A continued focus on providing resources,
6 performing research, and adopting survivor-friendly
7 legislation is needed to improve the quality of life for
8 cancer survivors, both during and after treatment; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we declare June 4, 2023 as Cancer Survivors Day in the State of
13 Illinois in order to recognize and celebrate the valuable,
14 dynamic population of cancer survivors in Illinois.