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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome (TS) is a chromosomal abnormality
that randomly affects those born female; it occurs when the
secondary X chromosome is partially or completely missing;
many have mosaic Turner Syndrome, for which the number of X
chromosomes can vary; and

WHEREAS, Most fetuses (98-99%) with Turner Syndrome will die before birth, resulting in approximately 10% of all first-trimester miscarriages, and one in 2,000 live female births has Turner Syndrome; those who do survive often face lifelong physical, emotional, cognitive, and/or psychological challenges that can be mitigated with early diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, More than 30% of individuals born with Turner Syndrome are not diagnosed until they are 15 years of age, and only 3.5% receive adequate care; however, with increased awareness, the livelihoods of those affected can be greatly improved; there are over 85,337 individuals living with this condition in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, An increase in awareness for Turner Syndrome can help those with the condition and can lead to earlier diagnosis and better treatment; and

- 1 WHEREAS, People living with Turner Syndrome deserve the
- 2 resources, education, and support that they need for a healthy
- 3 and fulfilling life; therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 6 we declare February of 2024 as "Turner Syndrome Awareness
- 7 Month" in the State of Illinois; and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That we urge Turner Syndrome Awareness Month to
- 9 be used to increase awareness of the condition and urge that
- 10 funding and support for awareness events, educational
- 11 initiatives, increased research, and support groups be
- 12 increased.