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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are nearly one million people living with
3 cerebral palsy in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Cerebral palsy is a group of neurological
5 disorders affecting motor and developmental skills, and it is
6 neither a genetic nor contagious condition; rather, it is
7 caused due to brain damage or abnormal brain development
8 during gestation, birth, or soon thereafter; and

9 WHEREAS, The symptoms of cerebral palsy vary greatly from
10 individual to individual, and 75% of individuals with cerebral
11 palsy also have one or more developmental disabilities,
12 including epilepsy, intellectual disability, autism, visual
13 impairment, or blindness; and

14 WHEREAS, Cerebral palsy is the most common motor
15 disability in children; according to the Centers for Disease
16 Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 345 children
17 in the United States have been diagnosed with cerebral palsy;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In 2006, National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month
20 was established by Reaching for the Stars (RFTS), a non-profit
21 educational advocacy group led by parent volunteers under the

1 guidance of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation; the observance is
2 held annually in March to provide an educational opportunity
3 for those outside the cerebral palsy community to learn about
4 the condition and about life with cerebral palsy; and

5 WHEREAS, National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month further
6 encourages individuals to consider ways to be more inclusive
7 towards those who live with the condition; most importantly,
8 the observance allows people to learn how they can become
9 long-term allies of the cerebral palsy community; and

10 WHEREAS, National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day is also
11 observed every year on March 25th; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we declare the month of March 2024 as Cerebral Palsy Awareness
15 Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation and United Cerebral
18 Palsy with our sincere appreciation for their efforts.