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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women combined in the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that in the year 2004, nearly 147,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In the year 2004, the disease is expected to kill over 56,700 individuals in this country; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 6,680 individuals in the State of Illinois will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the year 2004; and

WHEREAS, Screening for colorectal cancer is underutilized, regular screenings can detect polyps that lead to colorectal cancer and can save lives; and

WHEREAS, Adopting a healthy diet at a young age can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, March is also designated as National Nutrition Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public of methods of prevention and symptoms of early detection; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois should help inform the public about colorectal cancer prevention and screening; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 hereby proclaim the month of March as Colorectal Cancer
3 Awareness Month in Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Cancer Research Prevention Foundation.