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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, According to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF), studies show that about 2% of the population of the United States has a brain aneurysm; studies also show that approximately 3 to 6 million people have unruptured brain aneurysms; and the number of people from the State of Illinois who suffer annually are estimated to be between 1,200 and 1,400 cases; and

WHEREAS, The BAF points out that brain aneurysms form from continuous wear and tear on the arterial walls over an extended period of time; the constant stress to the artery wall can sometimes, but not always, lead to hemorrhage causing severe damage or death; and

WHEREAS, People who have been diagnosed with a brain aneurysm need support and help to get through this frightening time; many people are unaware of the facts and have questions that need answered; and

WHEREAS, The Brain Aneurysm Foundation has a website open to people looking for answers and support; and

20 WHEREAS, The Brain Aneurysm Foundation spearheads 21 research, aids in education and training of physicians, helps

- 1 survivors, and informs the general public through their
- 2 efforts; therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 5 proclaim September of 2007 as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month in
- 6 Illinois to make people aware of this medical issue and
- 7 encourage the general public to become knowledgeable about
- 8 brain aneurysms; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 10 presented to The Brain Aneurysm Foundation.