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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Vasculitis is an inflammation of the blood
3 vessels; also called angiitis, vasculitis causes changes in the
4 walls of blood vessels, including thickening, weakening,
5 narrowing, and scarring; the inflammation from these changes
6 can be short-term (acute) or long-term (chronic) and can be so
7 severe that the tissues and organs supplied by the affected
8 vessels don't receive enough blood; this shortage of blood can
9 result in organ and tissue damage, and even death; and

10 WHEREAS, Many types of vasculitis exist and, although rare,
11 vasculitis can affect anyone; some age groups are affected more
12 than others, depending on the type of vasculitis; while some
13 forms of vasculitis improve on their own, others require
14 treatment, which often includes long-term medication; and

15 WHEREAS, Diseases resulting from vasculitis include
16 Behcet's disease, Buerger's disease, Central Nervous System,
17 Churg Strauss syndrome, Cryoglobulinemia, Giant Cell
18 Arteritis, Henoch-Schönlein purpura, Hypersensitivity
19 vasculitis, Kawasaki disease, Microscopic Polyangiitis,
20 Polyarteritis nodosa, Polymyalgia rheumatica, Rheumatoid
21 vasculitis, Takayasu's arteritis, and Wegener's
22 Granulomatosis; and

1 WHEREAS, The Vasculitis Foundation, with the help of
2 grassroots support, works to support positive change in the
3 lives of people who live with vasculitis; the foundation's
4 members work in Washington D.C. to educate Congress about
5 Vasculitis and the need to support research funding so that a
6 modern science can better understand the disease and identify
7 advanced treatments and, one day, find a cure; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 designate the week of September 21-27, 2008 as Vasculitis
11 Awareness Week in the State of Illinois in order to help
12 educate the public about vasculitis diseases and the need for
13 research funding; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to The Vasculitis Foundation as a symbol of our
16 support.