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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, MRSA is an acronym for methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, also known as the "superbug"; MRSA can cause deadly infections in patients in healthcare facilities and within our communities; and

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WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have estimated that hospital-acquired MRSA infections alone killed more than 100,000 U.S. residents in 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Consumers Advancing Patient Safety (CAPS), among many other leading consumer healthcare organizations and patient advocates around the globe, are lending their voices to the call of world unity in leadership and commitment in preventing and stopping MRSA, which is pandemic and rising at alarming rates within healthcare facilities and in our communities; the groups also call upon healthcare officials and leaders to step up and take a more comprehensive approach to eradicate this preventable disease and focus on a broad and pro-active prevention program; and

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WHEREAS, As an integral part of its multi-faceted program, the MRSA Survivors Network, the first consumer organization in the U.S. to raise the alarm concerning the MRSA epidemic and other multi-drug resistant healthcare-acquired infections, has

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1 announced "World MRSA Day", which will be held on October 2,
2 2009 and commemorated each year after on this date; in
3 addition, the month of October will also be designated "MRSA
4 Awareness Month" in order to call attention to this worldwide
5 epidemic; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 designate October 2, 2009 as "World MRSA Day" in the State of
9 Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the MRSA Survivors Network as a symbol of our
12 dedication to the fight against this epidemic.