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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 751

2 WHEREAS, Of all of the types of childhood muscular  
3 dystrophies, duchenne muscular dystrophy is the world's most  
4 common and catastrophic form of genetic childhood disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy is characterized by  
6 rapidly progressive muscle weakness; and

7 WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy is genetically  
8 inherited, with mothers being the carriers in 70% of all cases;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, If a female is a carrier of the dystrophin gene,  
11 there is a 50% chance per birth that her male offspring will  
12 have duchenne muscular dystrophy, and a 50% chance per birth  
13 that her female offspring will be carriers of the gene; and

14 WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy affects approximately  
15 1 in every 3,500 boys worldwide; and

16 WHEREAS, The life expectancy of children with duchenne  
17 muscular dystrophy is their late teens to early twenties;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
2 designate the date of June 20, 2010 as Duchenne Muscular  
3 Dystrophy Awareness Day in the State of Illinois.