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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; each
15 year, 100,000 Americans are hospitalized for vasculitis care;
16 and

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

1 Granulomatosis; and

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

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 designate the week of April 25 - May 1, 2010 as Vasculitis
12 Awareness Week in the State of Illinois in order to help
13 educate the public about vasculitis diseases and the need for
14 research funding; with this resolution, Illinois will be the
15 first State to officially recognize this disease with an
16 Awareness Week; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to The Vasculitis Foundation as a symbol of our
19 support.