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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Each year sudden cardiac arrest claims the lives
3 of approximately 383,000 Americans outside of the hospital; it
4 strikes people of all levels of fitness, and it usually strikes
5 without warning; and

6 WHEREAS, In many cases, sudden cardiac arrest is caused by
7 an abnormal heart rhythm called ventricular fibrillation that
8 prevents the heart from pumping blood; and

9 WHEREAS, The treatment for ventricular fibrillation is
10 defibrillation, which is the delivery of an electric shock to
11 the heart that stops ventricular fibrillation and allows a
12 normal heart rhythm to resume; and

13 WHEREAS, Providing defibrillation on-site with an
14 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can significantly
15 increase survival rates for ventricular fibrillation cardiac
16 arrest; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is a national
18 voluntary health agency whose mission is to reduce disability
19 and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke, and it is
20 dedicated to helping businesses and communities establish
21 on-site AED programs; and

1 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association and its volunteers
2 have assisted in the establishment of AED programs at the
3 Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate by
4 providing life-saving CPR and AED training for General Assembly
5 employees in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association volunteer
7 instructors for the 2012 General Assembly employee training
8 session were J R Dietl, Carl Martin, Terry Bowman, Julie
9 Valerius, Cindy Robinson, Steve Mensing, Julie Mongeon, Matt
10 Newcomb, Andy Wendler, Todd Shea, and Stan Rudy; therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we commend the American Heart Association for its efforts to
15 save lives through education and training, and we thank the
16 American Heart Association and its volunteers for providing CPR
17 and AED training for General Assembly employees; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the Greater Midwest Affiliate of the American
21 Heart Association as an expression of our gratitude for its
22 role in providing heart-health education and life-saving

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