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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Exercise and physical activity can not only add
3 years to one's total life, but increase the number of years
4 that the person is healthy; and

5 WHEREAS, Physical therapists are experts in knowing how the
6 body works and are able to design personalized treatment plans
7 to reduce the risk of injury, whether in everyday activities or
8 sports; and

9 WHEREAS, Active lifestyles and preventive medicine are
10 integral parts of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
11 Act; and

12 WHEREAS, There is a rising demand for such services;
13 employment of physical therapists is expected to grow by 39% in
14 the next 10 years, resulting in the need for over 70,000 more
15 physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to
16 provide care; and

17 WHEREAS, Young adults are seeking opportunities to explore
18 careers in a growing health care profession; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we designate the second week of October in 2014 as a Shadow
2 Week for High School Students that are interested in learning
3 about a career in physical therapy; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we support the events coordinated by the
5 Illinois Physical Therapy Association working with secondary
6 school systems and local clinics that give students the
7 opportunity to observe in physical therapy practices
8 throughout the State; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be made
10 available to secondary school superintendents, principals, and
11 guidance counselors throughout the State of Illinois.