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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, 1 in 150 children in the United States are born  
3 with congenital cytomegalovirus; and

4 WHEREAS, Congenital cytomegalovirus is the most common  
5 cause of birth defects and childhood disabilities in the United  
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, Congenital cytomegalovirus is preventable with  
8 behavioral interventions, such as practicing frequent hand  
9 washing with soap and water after contact with diapers or oral  
10 secretions, not kissing young children on the mouth, and not  
11 sharing food, towels, or utensils with young children; and

12 WHEREAS, Cytomegalovirus is found in bodily fluids, such as  
13 saliva, blood, urine, and tears; and

14 WHEREAS, Congenital cytomegalovirus can be diagnosed if  
15 the virus is found in saliva, blood, or other body tissues of  
16 an infant during the first week after birth; and

17 WHEREAS, Most people are not aware of their cytomegalovirus  
18 infection status, with pregnant women being one of the highest  
19 risk groups; and

1           WHEREAS, The American College of Obstetricians and  
2           Gynecologists and the Centers for Disease Control and  
3           Prevention recommend that OB/GYNs counsel women on basic  
4           prevention measures to guard against cytomegalovirus  
5           infection; and

6           WHEREAS, The incidence of children born with congenital  
7           cytomegalovirus can be greatly reduced with public education  
8           and awareness; and

9           WHEREAS, A comprehensive understanding of cytomegalovirus  
10          provides opportunities to improve the health and well-being of  
11          our children; therefore, be it

12          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13          NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14          we designate the month of June 2014 as Illinois Cytomegalovirus  
15          Awareness Month in the State of Illinois in order to raise  
16          awareness of the dangers of cytomegalovirus and reduce the  
17          occurrence of congenital cytomegalovirus infection; and be it  
18          further

19          RESOLVED, That we recommend that more effort be taken to  
20          counsel women of childbearing age of the effect this virus can  
21          have on their children.