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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is a non-contagious, systemic disease  
3 of unknown origin and is commonly diagnosed with the detection  
4 of inflamed, microscopic growths, called granulomas, which  
5 most commonly affect the lungs but can affect any organ in the  
6 body; many individuals stricken with sarcoidosis eventually  
7 develop serious disabling conditions caused by damage to vital  
8 organs, such as eyes, lungs, heart, brain, kidneys, and the  
9 central nervous system; and

10           WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is a disease that affects many of our  
11 fellow citizens and people around the world, and still remains  
12 a mystery; skin-related symptoms of this chronic, multi-system  
13 disease were first recognized over 100 years ago; however, the  
14 effects of sarcoidosis on other bodily organs were not observed  
15 until the first quarter of the 19th century; today, researchers  
16 are still trying to learn more about the cause and the nature  
17 of this affliction; and

18           WHEREAS, Researchers believe sarcoidosis results from the  
19 inhalation of an infectious or allergic substance from the  
20 environment, while others believe it is caused by an alteration  
21 of the body's cellular immune system; and

22           WHEREAS, The National Sarcoidosis Society provides

1 services, educational awareness, and telephone support to  
2 patients, veterans, and their families as well as developing an  
3 ongoing campaign to promote increased awareness and medical  
4 research into this debilitating disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is found throughout the world and  
6 affects numerous citizens in Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 declare April 1, 2017 as "Sarcoidosis Day" in the State of  
10 Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to National Sarcoidosis Society Out Reach Director  
13 Brenda Little.