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HOUSE RESOLUTION 751

2           WHEREAS, Research indicates that one in three women in the  
3 United States experience domestic violence; that means  
4 approximately 1.67 million women in Illinois experiences  
5 domestic violence at least once; and

6           WHEREAS, During the State of Illinois 2017 fiscal year, 50  
7 agencies funded by the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic  
8 Violence reported that services were provided to 41,243 adults  
9 who were accompanied by 8,000 children; a total of 61% of those  
10 adults seeking services had between one and three accompanying  
11 children; 3,122 children were provided overnight shelter; of  
12 the children served, 71% were younger than 10 years of age;  
13 another 3,670 children were denied shelter along with their  
14 accompanying adult because of lack of beds; the 41,243 adults  
15 received 358,774 hours of service in counseling, advocacy,  
16 support in the courts, and economic self-sufficiency support;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, A study of low-income preschoolers finds that  
19 children who have been exposed to family violence suffer  
20 symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, such as  
21 bed-wetting or nightmares, and are at greater risk than their  
22 peers of having allergies, asthma, gastrointestinal problems,  
23 headaches, and flu; children of mothers who experience prenatal

1 physical domestic violence are at an increased risk of  
2 exhibiting aggressive, anxious, depressed, and hyperactive  
3 behavior; females who are exposed to their parents' domestic  
4 violence as adolescents are significantly more likely to become  
5 victims of dating violence than daughters of nonviolent  
6 parents; and

7 WHEREAS, Children who experience childhood trauma,  
8 including witnessing incidents of domestic violence, are at a  
9 greater risk of having serious adult health problems including  
10 tobacco use, substance abuse, obesity, cancer, heart disease,  
11 and depression; they also have a higher risk of having an  
12 unintended pregnancy; and

13 WHEREAS, Physical abuse during childhood increases the  
14 risk of future victimization among women and the risk of future  
15 perpetration of abuse by men more than two-fold; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and  
17 Prevention: "in the United States, one in five women have  
18 experienced completed or attempted rape"; approximately one in  
19 15 men have experienced rape, and "most victims first  
20 experienced sexual violence before age 25"; that means more  
21 than one million women and more than 400,000 men in Illinois  
22 experience sexual violence in their lifetime; and

1           WHEREAS, The FBI Crime Clock statistics in 2016 reported  
2 that a rape occurs every four minutes in the United States; and

3           WHEREAS, The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
4 consists of 30 rape crisis centers; during the State of  
5 Illinois 2017 fiscal year, the Illinois rape crisis centers  
6 served 19,077 survivors of sexual assault, and provided 95,038  
7 hours of service to survivors, including 57,056 hours of  
8 counseling, 13,173 hours of criminal justice advocacy and 8,028  
9 hours of medical advocacy; the centers also provided 22,427  
10 hours of prevention education to 581,350 participants; and

11           WHEREAS, The CDC has declared: "Sexual violence is a very  
12 serious public health problem that affects millions of women  
13 and men"; the National Violence Against Women Prevention  
14 Research Center (NVAWPRC) reports that 31% of rape victims  
15 develop PTSD; NVAWPRC also found that rape victims are 4.1  
16 times more likely than non-crime victims to have contemplated  
17 suicide and 13 times more likely to attempt suicide; and

18           WHEREAS, Victims of sexual assault are three times more  
19 likely than non-victims to experience a major depressive  
20 episode in their lives, and depression is a frequent symptom in  
21 survivors of childhood sexual abuse; and

22           WHEREAS, Research also shows that child sexual assault

1 survivors are more likely to have pelvic pain and pelvic  
2 inflammatory disorder, breast diseases, yeast infections,  
3 bladder infections, complications of pregnancy and chronic  
4 pain, including backaches and headaches; and

5 WHEREAS, Domestic violence has become a national emergency  
6 and state agencies are overwhelmed simply trying to respond to  
7 what is happening, which leaves almost no resources or time to  
8 work toward prevention; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 declare domestic violence and sexual assault a public health  
12 priority for the State of Illinois and we urge the State to  
13 make available all necessary resources to combat this epidemic;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 delivered to Governor Rauner and all members of the General  
17 Assembly.