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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Over 1.2 million people living in the United
3 States are infected with HIV, and one in eight is unaware of
4 the infection; and

5 WHEREAS, Significant advances in antiretroviral therapy
6 (ART) for HIV have made it possible to reduce transmission
7 rates, avoid over 862,000 premature deaths, gain over 27
8 million life-years, and gain \$615 billion in economic value
9 over the cost of HIV treatment in the United States alone; and

10 WHEREAS, A 2011 clinical study from the National Institutes
11 of Health found that treating HIV-positive people with ART
12 reduces the risk of transmitting the virus to HIV-negative
13 sexual partners by 96% from the start of treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act
15 has played a critical role in decreasing the number of
16 uninsured, particularly for people living with HIV; and

17 WHEREAS, Viral load suppression saves state Medicaid
18 programs an estimated \$1 million per treated patient by
19 preventing transmissions; and

20 WHEREAS, Viral load suppression not only improves

1 individual health, but it all also reduces HIV transmission on
2 a population level; and

3 WHEREAS, The HIV Health Improvement Affinity Group
4 (HHIAG), a joint initiative between the Centers for Medicare
5 and Medicaid Services, the Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention, and the Health Resources and Services
7 Administration, offers federal support for state-level efforts
8 to improve rates of sustained viral load suppression among
9 Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program enrollees who
10 are living with HIV; and

11 WHEREAS, States that participate in the HHIAG benefit from
12 direct technical assistance to develop and implement a viral
13 load suppression improvement plan and leverage best practices
14 to improve state viral load suppression rates; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 recognize the critical importance that viral load suppression
18 plays in improving health outcomes and reducing HIV
19 transmission.