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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis is a genetic disorder that causes growths and tumors to form on nerves; neurofibromatosis is one of the most common genetic disorders, approximately one in every 3,000 babies born has neurofibromatosis; neurofibromatosis occurs in both genders, and all ethnic groups equally; and

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WHEREAS, There are two types of neurofibromatosis: Type 1 is a form of neurofibromatosis that can be inherited from a parent or be a spontaneous mutation and affects a gene on chromosome 17; people with this type of neurofibromatosis generally have brown oval or circular spots on the skin called cafe-au-lait spots and freckles under the arm or in the groin area; they also have benign soft tumors or lumps under the skin called neurofibroma; and

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WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis Type 1 often causes learning difficulties in children, and can also affect physical growth; tumors may form along nerves anywhere in the body; and it can cause atrophy, pseudarthrosis, scoliosis, plexiform neurofibroma, bright spots on the brain, optic glioma, depression, executive function issues, and other psychological issues; and

1 WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis Type 2 is also inherited or a
2 spontaneous mutation caused by a change in a gene on chromosome
3 22; neurofibromatosis Type 2 is sometimes referred to as
4 central neurofibromatosis or bilateral acoustic neuroma;
5 neurofibromatosis Type 2 affects nerves next to the brain or
6 spinal chord and can cause serious disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, People with neurofibromatosis Type 2 have tumors
8 that affect hearing and balance, and they can have tumors that
9 push on the brain or spinal chord, as well as tumors along the
10 peripheral nerves; these problems can cause weakness and
11 seizures; and

12 WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis Inc. Midwest is a network that
13 provides information on neurofibromatosis, makes referrals to
14 local medical resources, sponsors national and local
15 conferences for neurofibromatosis families, as well as other
16 services; their mission is to create a community of support for
17 individuals and families affected by neurofibromatosis; and

18 WHEREAS, May is National Neurofibromatosis Month; Great
19 Steps for Neurofibromatosis 2009 will take place at the
20 Naperville Riverwalk on Saturday, June 6, 2009 and in Effingham
21 on June 20, 2009; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 proclaim May of 2009 as Neurofibromatosis Month in the State of
3 Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Neurofibromatosis Inc. Midwest as a symbol of our
6 respect.