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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is home to 2 national 3 organization of great significance to professional 4 nutritionists throughout the United States, and during the 5 coming year both organizations celebrate important milestones; 6 and

7 WHEREAS, The American Nutrition Association is a 8 non-profit association that is dedicated to promoting optimal 9 health through nutrition and wellness education among both 10 nutrition professionals and the public, and in 2012 will 11 celebrate the 40th anniversary of its founding in 1972; and

12 WHEREAS, The Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists 13 is a premiere professional credentialing body for professional 14 nutritionists, and early next year will celebrate the 20th 15 anniversary of its founding in 1993; and

16 WHEREAS, The services provided by professional 17 nutritionists are foundational to the prevention of chronic 18 disease; and

19 WHEREAS, With chronic disease in the United States having 20 reached epidemic proportions, the need for professional 21 nutritionists has never been greater; and 1 WHEREAS, Chronic diseases are now the leading cause of 2 death and disability in the United States, accounting for an 3 estimated 7 out of 10 deaths in the country; and

WHEREAS, It has been estimated that 133 million Americans,
almost one out of every 2 adults, now has at least one chronic
disease; and

WHEREAS, Obesity has become a major health concern in the
United States, with one in every 3 adults and almost one in
every 5 youth between the ages of 6 and 19 being obese; and

10 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 75% of all healthcare costs 11 in the United States are due to chronic disease conditions, 12 with Americans now spending an estimated 16.2% of the national 13 Gross Domestic Product on healthcare; and

14 WHEREAS, A great many chronic diseases are preventable with 15 targeted nutrition and lifestyle approaches, which 16 professional nutritionists foster through their daily work; 17 and

18 WHEREAS, The importance of the work of professional 19 nutritionists is held in high and growing esteem throughout the 20 State of Illinois and the United States; therefore, be it -3- LRB097 21707 KXB 70113 r

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 3 we recognize and commend the American Nutrition Association and 4 the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists on their 40th 5 and 20th anniversaries; and be it further

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6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 7 presented to the American Nutrition Association and the 8 Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists in recognition 9 of their having achieved these important milestones.