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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

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WHEREAS, According to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the National Parkinson Foundation, the American Parkinson Disease Association, and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans living with Parkinson's disease; and

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WHEREAS, The symptoms of Parkinson's include slowness, tremors, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, and cognitive and memory problems; and

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WHEREAS, Although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson's, more work is needed for a cure; and

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WHEREAS, Increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects, and ultimately, a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

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WHEREAS, A multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care includes local Wellness, Support, and Caregiver

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1 Groups; and

2 WHEREAS, Millions of people around the world will recognize  
3 April as Parkinson's Awareness Month, recognizing the need for  
4 more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects  
5 of Parkinson's disease; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that April is proclaimed as  
8 Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in the State of Illinois;  
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the Central Illinois Parkinson Support Group with  
12 our sincere appreciation for their efforts.