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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to join the Illinois Council on
4 Problem Gambling in promoting March of 2014 as National Problem
5 Gambling Awareness Month; and

6 WHEREAS, Promoting National Problem Gambling Awareness
7 Month provides individuals in the problem gambling community an
8 opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the
9 social and financial effectiveness of services available for
10 problem gambling; and

11 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue
12 affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic
13 backgrounds in all communities and which has a significant
14 societal and economic cost; and

15 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is treatable and treatment is
16 effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and
17 society as a whole; and

18 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, professionals, and
19 organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of
20 the public about problem gambling and the availability and
21 effectiveness of treatment; and

1 WHEREAS, The Illinois Council on Problem Gambling and the
2 National Council on Problem Gambling invite all citizens of the
3 State of Illinois to participate in National Problem Gambling
4 Awareness Month; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Council on Problem Gambling urges
6 those with a gambling problem to reach out to their 24-hour
7 confidential helpline at 1-800-426-2537 or 1-800-522-4700; and

8 WHEREAS, Both the Illinois General Assembly as an
9 institution and the members of the General Assembly as
10 individuals are in unique positions to help raise awareness of
11 problem gambling and the impact it has on the individual, the
12 family, and the community; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we designate the month of March of 2014 as Problem Gambling
16 Awareness Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling.