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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis is a rare disease that results from
3 inflammation; the cause is currently unknown; it usually
4 develops between the ages of 20 and 40 and almost 90% of the
5 cases are found in the lungs and lymph nodes, but it can occur
6 in almost any organ; and

7 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis causes small lumps, or granulomas,
8 which generally heal and disappear on their own; for those
9 granulomas that do not heal, the tissue can remain inflamed and
10 become scarred or fibrotic; and

11 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis can develop into pulmonary fibrosis,
12 which distorts the structure of the lungs and can interfere
13 with breathing; bronchiectasis, a lung disease in which pockets
14 form in the air tubes of the lung and can become sites for
15 infection, can also occur; and

16 WHEREAS, Most sarcoidosis patients do not have symptoms and
17 can be unaware they have the disease; symptoms include
18 shortness of breath, a persistent cough, rashes on the face,
19 arms, or shins, inflammation of the eyes, weight loss, fatigue,
20 night sweats, fever, pain in the chests, joints, and bones,
21 swollen lymph nodes, and wheezing; and

1 WHEREAS, Treatment for sarcoidosis is unique to the patient
2 as different treatments work for different people; sometimes
3 more than one treatment is used and, in many cases, no
4 treatment is needed; and

5 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis occurs in all races and both genders,
6 but the most susceptible populations seem to be those of
7 African-American, Scandinavian, and Asian origin; therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we urge the Department of Human Services, the Department of
12 Healthcare and Family Services, and the Department of Public
13 Health to assess the existing State and federal assistance
14 programs regarding the study and treatment of sarcoidosis; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we urge the appropriate departments to
17 conduct hearings, examine the above-mentioned ancillary
18 issues, and publish a report on their findings; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to Secretary of Human Services, Michelle R.B.
22 Saddler, Director of Healthcare and Family Services, Julie

1 Hamos, and Director of Public Health, LaMar Hasbrouck.