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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Preeclampsia is a dangerous condition of
3 pregnancy that can, in its most severe form, lead to maternal
4 and infant mortality or premature birth with significant health
5 risks for the mother and baby; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 350,000 cases of preeclampsia are
7 diagnosed in America every year; 25% of the cases are
8 classified as severe; and

9 WHEREAS, In America, a pregnant woman and her baby face
10 life-threatening consequences due to preeclampsia every 6
11 minutes; and

12 WHEREAS, Globally, preeclampsia and other hypertensive
13 disorders of pregnancy are leading causes of maternal and
14 infant illness and death; conservative estimates claim that
15 these disorders are responsible for 76,000 maternal and 500,000
16 infant deaths each year; and

17 WHEREAS, Public awareness of the symptoms of preeclampsia,
18 which include spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden
19 swelling of the face, feet, and hands, severe upper abdominal
20 pain, and blurred vision, can help women recognize the
21 condition and seek appropriate medical care; and

1 WHEREAS, Many citizens of Illinois have joined with the
2 Preeclampsia Foundation to raise public awareness in order to
3 minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to
4 preeclampsia; and

5 WHEREAS, The members of this body join the Preeclampsia
6 Foundation in envisioning a world where preeclampsia no longer
7 threatens the lives of mothers and babies; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 designate May 17, 2015 as Preeclampsia Awareness Day in the
11 State of Illinois and applaud the Preeclampsia Foundation's
12 mission to reduce maternal and infant illness and death due to
13 preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Preeclampsia Foundation as a symbol of our
17 respect and esteem for its work.