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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Retinoblastoma is a malignant cancer that
3 develops in the retina during early childhood; most children
4 diagnosed with the disease are younger than 3 years old; it is
5 often found when a parent or doctor notices that a child's eye
6 displays unusual signs or symptoms; and

7 WHEREAS, If the disease goes undetected, retinoblastoma
8 requires the removal of the eye to keep the disease from
9 spreading to the optic nerve and the brain; and

10 WHEREAS, Retinoblastoma is a rare disease, with only about
11 200 to 300 children diagnosed with the disease each year in the
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, The members of this body believe that greater
14 attention must be placed on raising awareness of retinoblastoma
15 and other cancers in order to fight these debilitating diseases
16 and the effects they have on the citizens of this State;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 designate the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness
21 Month in the State of Illinois and urge the citizens of this

1 State to ask their pediatricians to perform red-reflex tests on
2 their children in order to aid in the fight against
3 retinoblastoma and other childhood cancers; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to BeyondRB as a symbol of our respect and esteem for
6 the organization's work.