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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), is a complex, debilitating neurological and immunological disease that affects millions worldwide, including an estimated two to three million people in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, ME/CFS is characterized by profound fatigue, post-exertional malaise, a worsening of symptoms after even minor exertion, cognitive impairment "brain fog", chronic pain, immune dysfunction, dizziness, and a range of other disabling symptoms that significantly reduce quality of life; and

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WHEREAS, ME/CFS can affect individuals of all ages, genders, and backgrounds, often leaving patients bedridden or housebound for years or even a lifetime, with only a small percentage achieving full recovery; and

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WHEREAS, Scientific research has demonstrated that ME/CFS is a serious, multi-system disease, yet it remains underfunded, under-researched, and widely misunderstood, contributing to significant delays in diagnosis, limited treatment options, and ongoing stigma for patients; and

1           WHEREAS, Over 65 million people worldwide, including those  
2 suffering from long COVID and other post-viral conditions, now  
3 face similar challenges, highlighting the urgent need for  
4 increased biomedical research, healthcare provider education,  
5 and public awareness of infection-associated chronic  
6 conditions; and

7           WHEREAS, The economic impact of ME/CFS in the U.S. alone  
8 is estimated to be in the hundreds of billions of dollars  
9 annually due to lost productivity, medical costs, and the need  
10 for full-time caregiving; and

11           WHEREAS, Recognizing ME/CFS and related conditions as  
12 serious public health concerns will help accelerate research  
13 funding, improve clinical care, and promote policies that  
14 support affected individuals and their families; therefore, be  
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16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we declare May 12, 2025 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic  
19 Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day in the State of Illinois in  
20 recognition of the millions of people living with ME/CFS and  
21 related post-infectious diseases; and be it further

22           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to Gabriel Henry Hull and his mother, Rebbeca Groble  
2 Hull.