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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Genetic counselors empower patients and their
3 families with vital healthcare information, guidance, and
4 emotional support to help them understand their family
5 history, evaluate genetic testing options, and make informed
6 choices based on test results; and

7 WHEREAS, There are over 150 certified genetic counselors
8 in Illinois working in prenatal, fertility, pediatrics,
9 metabolic, cardiovascular, neurology, and cancer care; and

10 WHEREAS, Many people benefit from increased genetic
11 sequencing research and genetic counseling, including anyone
12 with a condition linked to a specific gene or anyone who has a
13 family history of an inherited disease; and

14 WHEREAS, The 5,000 genetic counselors across the country
15 streamline the healthcare industry by ensuring the right tests
16 are being ordered, avoiding costly and unnecessary costs and
17 tests, by helping patients and providers understand complex
18 test results and how to best use this information, by helping
19 consult with potential parents on the intimidating potential
20 of passing on inherited diseases, by sharing information with
21 family members, and by providing recommendations for community
22 support services; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we declare November 12, 2026 as Genetic Counselor Appreciation
4 Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we recognize that the sequencing of the
6 human genome is one of the most significant scientific
7 accomplishments of the past hundred years and express our
8 support for genetic counselors, who are using this research to
9 improve the lives of many throughout the State.