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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is
3 designated as the calendar week commencing the last Sunday in
4 February; and

5 WHEREAS, Thirty million Americans will struggle with an
6 eating disorder at some point in their lives; and

7 WHEREAS, Eating disorders affect people of all ages, races,
8 sizes, sexual orientations, ethnicities, and socioeconomic
9 statuses; and

10 WHEREAS, Eating disorders, including the specific
11 disorders of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating
12 disorder, avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder, and other
13 specified feeding or eating disorders, are complex,
14 biologically-based illnesses; and

15 WHEREAS, Persons with eating disorders have amongst the
16 highest mortality rate of all mental illnesses; and

17 WHEREAS, Eating disorders have a high prevalence amongst
18 active military servicemembers and veterans; and

19 WHEREAS, Health professionals receive limited or no formal

1 training about eating disorders or the identification and
2 treatment of such orders; and

3 WHEREAS, Eating disorders can be successfully treated with
4 interventions at the appropriate durations and levels of care,
5 yet only one third of persons with eating disorders receive any
6 medical, psychiatric, or therapeutic care; and

7 WHEREAS, Best practice treatment of eating disorders
8 includes patients, their families, and a comprehensive team of
9 professionals, such as social workers, mental health
10 counselors, primary care practitioners, psychiatrists,
11 psychologists, dietitians, art therapists, and other specialty
12 providers; and

13 WHEREAS, To inform evidence-based treatments, promote
14 prevention efforts, facilitate early identification, and
15 provide insight on illness causation and the damaging effects
16 of eating disorders upon minds and bodies, more research is
17 needed; and

18 WHEREAS, Every 62 minutes, someone dies as a result of an
19 eating disorder; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 recognize the week of February 26 through March 4, 2018 as
2 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we support the goals and ideals of a
4 national week to raise public awareness and understanding of
5 eating disorders; we recognize the rate at which individuals in
6 the United States are affected by eating disorders and the
7 inadequate rate at which such individuals seek treatment; we
8 acknowledge that eating disorders can be successfully treated
9 with appropriate levels of care and that individuals with
10 eating disorders can and do recover; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we encourage the Federal Government, State
12 and local governments, and citizens of the United States to
13 support National Eating Disorders Awareness Week through
14 appropriate programs and activities and to promote public
15 awareness of eating disorders.