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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Megan Bugg of Coal City; and

4 WHEREAS, Megan Bugg has been diagnosed with Alveolar
5 Rhabdomyosarcoma (ARMS), a very aggressive form of soft tissue
6 childhood cancer, and she has been fighting stage four ARMS for
7 the past three years; during those three years, Megan has
8 undergone 90 weeks of intense chemotherapy, over 100 radiation
9 treatments, three surgeries, and the numerous side effects of
10 treatment; and

11 WHEREAS, Megan Bugg recently experienced a relapse for the
12 third time; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite this, Megan Bugg connected with other
14 childhood cancer victims from across the United States and the
15 world; she has become an advocate for children fighting cancer
16 and has raised over \$60,000 to support research currently being
17 pursued by Dr. Walterhouse at Lurie Children's Hospital in
18 Chicago; if she qualifies for a clinical trial, she will
19 undergo a new treatment by Dr. Walterhouse that she has played
20 a large role in funding; and

21 WHEREAS, As part of her fight, Megan Bugg has brought

1 awareness to some key statistics on government funding for
2 childhood cancer; the National Cancer Institute's budget in
3 2015 was \$4.93 billion and only \$198 million of that was
4 dedicated to childhood cancer research; the Federal Government
5 spends \$437 million annually on military bands, but only \$198
6 million on childhood cancer research; since 2003, the National
7 Institute of Health's budget has been cut by 15.5 percent after
8 inflation; and

9 WHEREAS, 3,468 children die each year from childhood
10 cancer, and every day, 43 children in the United States are
11 diagnosed with cancer; the average age of those diagnosed is
12 six; and

13 WHEREAS, Megan Bugg continues to fight for increased
14 funding for research for childhood cancer, and her efforts can
15 be followed by searching Facebook for "Team Megan Bugg";
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 pledge to join with Megan Bugg in bringing increased visibility
20 to the often-hidden epidemic of childhood cancer; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That we urge United States Senator Dick Durbin,

1 United States Senator Tammy Duckworth, and all members of the
2 Illinois Congressional Delegation to allocate additional
3 funding and resources for childhood cancer research and
4 clinical trials; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Megan Bugg as an expression of our admiration,
7 respect, and support.