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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Millions of older persons are abused, neglected,
3 and exploited every year; and

4 WHEREAS, Elder abuse is an intentional act, or failure to
5 act, by a caregiver or another person in a relationship that
6 causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult; and

7 WHEREAS, No person is immune to abuse, neglect, and
8 exploitation; and

9 WHEREAS, An estimated \$2.6 billion or more is lost annually
10 due to elder financial abuse and exploitation; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2014, an estimated 35.9% of disabled adults
12 ages 65 and older were abused; and

13 WHEREAS, Elders with dementia are at a greater risk of
14 abuse than those without and are particularly vulnerable to
15 abuse because of impairments in memory, communication
16 abilities, and judgment; and

17 WHEREAS, Experts believe that for every case of elder abuse
18 or neglect reported, as many as 23 go unreported; and

1 WHEREAS, The National Center on Elder Abuse encourages
2 individuals and organizations to raise public awareness about
3 elder abuse; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we urge the citizens of the State of Illinois to become aware
7 of elder abuse and neglect; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we designate the date of June 15, 2019 as
9 Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the State of Illinois.