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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease (KD) is a serious illness
3 characterized by inflammation of blood vessels throughout the
4 body, which primarily affects young children and can lead to
5 permanent heart disease; and

6 WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease can cause devastating
7 consequences, including life-long aneurysms, stent placement,
8 heart transplants, skin disorders, and childhood anxiety; and

9 WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease is the number one cause of
10 permanent heart disease in children; it is diagnosed in
11 approximately 4000 to 5000 U.S. children annually, primarily
12 under the age of eight and across racial, ethnic, and
13 socioeconomic lines; and

14 WHEREAS, Scientific studies indicate that genetic
15 inheritance is an important risk factor of Kawasaki Disease;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Despite the serious consequences that can
18 manifest in children with Kawasaki Disease, there have been
19 recent instances of young adults suffering heart attacks in
20 their 20s and 30s, which then reveal old aneurysms and a missed
21 diagnosis of KD as a child; and

1 WHEREAS, Underprivileged and minority communities are
2 particularly devastated by the high cost of known treatment
3 for Kawasaki Disease; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association, the World Heart
5 Federation, and the National Institute of Health recognize the
6 need for proper and timely diagnosis, education, and treatment
7 of Kawasaki Disease; and

8 WHEREAS, The lack of public knowledge and understanding of
9 Kawasaki Disease plays a significant role in the overwhelming
10 number of undiagnosed and untreated cases of KD; the
11 dissemination of inaccurate, misleading information also
12 contributes to the obstacles preventing diagnosis and
13 treatment of the disease; and

14 WHEREAS, Missed diagnosis of Kawasaki Disease can lead to
15 permanent heart disease and untimely death, which places an
16 unnecessary financial burden on the health care system; and

17 WHEREAS, A lack of knowledge, combined with the issue that
18 symptoms can disappear, has a particularly detrimental effect
19 on the diagnosis and treatment of Kawasaki Disease; and

20 WHEREAS, There is a need to educate health care

1 professionals, parents, and the general public, who could be
2 at unknown risk, about Kawasaki Disease and a need for
3 well-trained physicians and emergency room professionals
4 capable of conducting timely diagnosis and treatment
5 activities; and

6 WHEREAS, Studies by the Kawasaki Disease Research Center
7 and others consistently reveal that through proper and
8 comprehensive diagnosis and treatment the symptoms and effects
9 of KD can be substantially decreased and quality of life for
10 the individual can be improved; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we declare January 26, 2011 as "Kawasaki Disease Awareness
14 Day" and recognize Kawasaki Disease as a significant health
15 concern; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we encourage all citizens of Illinois to
17 find out more about Kawasaki Disease and its signs and
18 symptoms and to seek the appropriate treatment and care, if
19 necessary; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we encourage medical professionals and
21 researchers to consider ways to improve access to appropriate
22 research information as to cause and patient treatment with

1 the purpose of improving the quality of life for children and
2 adults with Kawasaki Disease.