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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Fibromyalgia is a disease with uncertain cause and
3 no known cure; this chronic condition affects an estimated
4 seven to ten million people in the United States and many more
5 millions of people worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, Fibromyalgia is more likely to affect women,
7 occurring nine times out of ten in women; and

8 WHEREAS, Fibromyalgia is a very serious and chronic
9 illness, increasing at dramatic rates, causing those affected
10 to suffer from fatigue and debilitating pain in the muscles,
11 ligaments, and tendons; and

12 WHEREAS, People living with this condition learn to live
13 with difficulty in performing everyday activities, such as
14 climbing stairs, lifting weight, and performing other actions
15 involving physical strain, and with widespread pain in muscles,
16 joints, and ligaments; and

17 WHEREAS, People with fibromyalgia face discrimination in
18 the workplace and from family and friends because so few people
19 are aware or understand what fibromyalgia is and the symptoms
20 with which it manifests; and

1 WHEREAS, A diagnosis of fibromyalgia is difficult and takes
2 an average of five years because many of the symptoms mimic
3 those of other disorders, resulting in the average person
4 spending thousands of dollars in medical bills just to receive
5 a diagnosis; and

6 WHEREAS, Public education is important in order for
7 patients to receive proper diagnosis and treatment; public
8 awareness will help to eliminate the myths, improve patient
9 support, and encourage research; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 12, 2008
12 Fibromyalgia Awareness Day in the State of Illinois and all
13 citizens are encouraged to support those seeking a cure for
14 fibromyalgia and to assist those individuals and families who
15 on a daily basis deal with this devastating disease.