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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Northwestern University Dance Marathon is one of
3 the largest entirely student-run philanthropic causes in the
4 world; and

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WHEREAS, Nearly 40,000 children are born with a congenital
6 heart defect in the United States each year; and

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WHEREAS, The Children's Heart Foundation, the only
8 non-profit organization created exclusively to raise funds for
9 vital congenital heart defect research, is the Northwestern
10 University Dance Marathon's 2011 primary beneficiary; and

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WHEREAS, Thousands of members of the Northwestern
12 University and Chicago community will come together to
13 participate in a 30-hour non-stop danceathon at the culmination
14 of a year-long quest to raise funds and awareness for The
15 Children's Heart Foundation and the Evanston Community
16 Foundation on March 4-6, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, 2011 marks the 37th annual celebration of
18 Northwestern University Dance Marathon, held in Evanston, and
19 the organizers' commitment to unite Northwestern University
20 and nearby communities through education and philanthropic
21 fundraising; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we support the mission and spirit of Northwestern University
4 Dance Marathon, congratulate the dancers, supporters, and
5 beneficiaries, and invite all people to join in celebrating the
6 pride, potential, and power of the Northwestern University
7 Dance Marathon and The Children's Heart Foundation on the
8 weekend of March 4-6, 2011.