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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Parental alienation is the psychological term
3 used to denote the unacceptable manipulative process used by
4 one parent to alienate a child from the other parent by
5 disparaging conduct or words to encourage the child to dislike
6 or break communication ties with the other parent; and

7 WHEREAS, This process is most often used in the course of
8 the parents' divorce or separation; and

9 WHEREAS, While divorce is the most common situation where
10 parental alienation is used, it also has been known to happen
11 during the course of unhappy marriages or relationships that do
12 not end in divorce, as one parent seeks the exclusive
13 companionship and alliance of the children or of a particular
14 child in the family; and

15 WHEREAS, Parental alienation can be viewed as a form of
16 child abuse because it denies a child, through cruel
17 manipulation, a loving and supportive relationship with both
18 parents; and is not in the best interest of the child; and

19 WHEREAS, The unhappiness bred by parental alienation has
20 been known to lead to child kidnapping, murder, and suicide, or
21 other destructive behavior as has been reported in the media;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Awareness of parental alienation and its negative
3 consequences on family relationships, and on children caught in
4 this unhealthy negative web between his or her parents, will
5 help to highlight this problem and lessen its occurrence;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we designate the month of April, 2012 as "Stop Parental
10 Alienation Awareness Month" in Illinois.