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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, February 7, 2012, marks the 12th year of the commemoration and observance of National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; and

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WHEREAS, This observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize African-American communities to get educated, get tested, get involved, and get treated for HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate African-American communities; and

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WHEREAS, National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is directed, planned, and strategically implemented by HIV/AIDS organizations to mobilize community-based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment; and

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WHEREAS, Nearly 60,000 residents of Illinois are living with HIV and 55% of reported HIV diagnoses are African-Americans; and

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WHEREAS, Among African-Americans ages 25-44, HIV was the fourth leading cause of death for men and third leading cause of death for women, higher than any other racial group; and

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WHEREAS, Numerous organizations, faith based institutions,

1 public health entities, and impacted citizens are hosting
2 community events to recognize this day and its importance to
3 African-Americans and all concerned citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we join with these local,
5 national, and international groups to express our strong
6 support for National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
7 and the initiatives to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in
8 African-American communities, and provide access to HIV/AIDS
9 prevention, treatment, and support services to those affected
10 by HIV/AIDS; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we designate the date of February 7, 2012 as National
14 African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Illinois, and
15 encourage local residents to strongly support this day and
16 participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.