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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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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-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we designate the month of April of 2013 as "Stop Parental
10 Alienation Awareness Month" in the State of Illinois.