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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Most people do not realize that the skin is the
3 largest and most visible organ of the body and performs many
4 essential tasks; and

5 WHEREAS, More than one million new cases of skin cancer
6 will be diagnosed in the United States this year; one in five
7 Americans will develop skin cancer during their lifetime; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2016, it is estimated that there will be 76,000
9 new cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer,
10 diagnosed in the United States, including an estimated 2,480
11 Illinois residents; and

12 WHEREAS, An estimated 335 people die of melanoma in
13 Illinois every year; and

14 WHEREAS, Melanoma and other skin cancers are highly
15 treatable if detected early; sun exposure is the most
16 preventable risk factor for all skin cancers, including
17 melanoma; and

18 WHEREAS, Steps can be taken to reduce exposure to
19 ultraviolet radiation, such as wearing sunscreen of SPF 15 or
20 higher, protective clothing, sunglasses, and avoiding sunlight

1 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; and

2 WHEREAS, Drivers in the United States have a higher degree
3 of skin cancer on the left side of their face due to exposure
4 to ultraviolet rays while driving; and

5 WHEREAS, In cars, only the laminated windshield comes with
6 ultraviolet radiation protection; the side and back windows
7 allow in more than 60% of ultraviolet radiation; and

8 WHEREAS, Research has shown that ultraviolet radiation
9 damage is more extensive on the side of the body closer to the
10 window; long-time drivers also have rougher, slacker, and more
11 wrinkled skin on their window side; and

12 WHEREAS, Babies and young children, who have little
13 protective skin pigment, often sit in the back of vehicles,
14 where none of the glass (even darker glass found in SUVs and
15 minivans) offers adequate ultraviolet radiation protection;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Ultraviolet radiation-filtering window film can
18 go a long way to prevent skin damage; UV absorbers in the form
19 of transparent films are available for the side and back
20 windows of vehicles in all 50 states; the film screens out more
21 than 99% of ultraviolet radiation without reducing visibility;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Each May, the American Academy of Dermatology
3 sponsors Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month,
4 a public education campaign designed to promote the prevention
5 and early detection of melanoma and other skin cancers through
6 screenings and prevention methods; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 designate May of 2016 as Skin Cancer Awareness Month in order
10 to raise awareness of skin cancer and the means to successfully
11 prevent and treat this deadly disease; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the citizens of this State are urged to
13 receive skin cancer screening and seek other prevention methods
14 to prevent and detect skin cancer.