

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish
3 to congratulate Avenues to Independence on the occasion of
4 its 50th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Avenues to Independence was incorporated in Park
6 Ridge on November 19, 1953 as Northwest Suburban Aid for the
7 Retarded; it is an agency that serves more than 250 people
8 with developmental disabilities and their families who reside
9 in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs; and

10 WHEREAS, Avenues to Independence is dedicated to putting
11 aside old ideas about what is possible and instead working in
12 partnership with the community to support and encourage
13 people with disabilities to lead the lives they choose; the
14 dedicated staff and Board of Directors provide opportunities
15 for people with developmental disabilities to be productive
16 citizens who live, work, volunteer, and take part in all
17 aspects of community life; and

18 WHEREAS, Residents have warmly welcomed the people of
19 Avenues to Independence who live in Avenues' supported
20 apartment buildings and single family homes in their
21 communities; the agency has a lifelong commitment to the
22 people it serves; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we congratulate Avenues to Independence on the occasion of
26 its 50th anniversary and we commend the organization for its
27 extensive work with developmentally disabled adults; and be
28 it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Avenues to Independence as an expression of our
31 respect and esteem.