

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois would like to congratulate Habilitative
4 Systems Inc. on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of
5 providing vital services to thousands of Chicago's neediest
6 citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, Habilitative Services' programs include
8 residential services for homeless individuals, community
9 living alternatives for developmentally disabled and mentally
10 ill adults, substance abuse treatment, pre-employment and
11 employment services for developmentally disabled and
12 economically disadvantaged adults, affordable senior housing,
13 and youth development programs; and

14 WHEREAS, At its peak in 1999, HSI served more than 10,000
15 persons annually in 52 programs at 27 sites on the west side
16 of Chicago; following the tragedy of September 11, 2001,
17 there were drastic cuts in social services, but with radical
18 restructuring, consolidation, and staff shifts, HSI served
19 over 7,000 persons in 49 programs at 22 sites; and

20 WHEREAS, In the last decade, annually, more than 400 jobs
21 have been generated by HSI; hundreds of social workers, fresh
22 out of college with no experience, have been trained and
23 groomed at HSI for the social service field; and

24 WHEREAS, Habilitative Systems is the first minority
25 agency in Chicago to enjoy double accreditations from the
26 Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and
27 the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and
28 Children, Inc.; and

29 WHEREAS, On November 1, 2003, HSI will present its annual
30 "Jazz with Pizzazz" fundraiser, which will feature a "Musical
31 Salute to Tom Joyner"; Mr. Joyner and HSI share a common

1 goal, which is to help those who are trying to better
2 themselves; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Habilitative Services Inc. on the occasion of
6 its 25th anniversary of providing vital services to thousands
7 of Chicago's neediest citizens; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Board of Directors of Habilitative Systems
10 Inc. as an expression of our respect and esteem and with our
11 best wishes for a successful 25th anniversary celebration.