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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, An estimated 24.9 million people globally are
3 trapped in the modern-day slavery that is human trafficking;
4 Illinois had 202 confirmed cases in 2016 alone, with each
5 victim being held an average of 20.5 months before release; and

6 WHEREAS, Seventy-one percent of all human trafficking
7 victims are female, 25% are children, and a significant number
8 are immigrants; the majority of this 150 billion dollar dark
9 "industry" is represented by sex trafficking; and

10 WHEREAS, The Center for Prevention of Abuse in Peoria has
11 long recognized the prevalence of human trafficking within all
12 geographic regions, including Central Illinois, and was
13 awarded a prestigious grant to help fight it locally; and

14 WHEREAS, The Center for Prevention of Abuse is committed to
15 helping all local survivors of human trafficking reclaim
16 control over their lives, to feel safe while enjoying physical
17 and emotional health, and to realize the human rights to which
18 they are entitled; and

19 WHEREAS, The Center for Prevention of Abuse created and
20 launched their new Human Trafficking Division in January of
21 2018; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate the Center for Prevention of Abuse on their most
4 recent success in fulfilling their mission to help all men,
5 women, and children live free from violence and abuse; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That we commend the Center for Prevention of
8 Abuse for the necessary services they are now providing for
9 this especially vulnerable group of victims, while
10 simultaneously fostering an increased level of public
11 awareness about this serious issue; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to the Director of the Center for Prevention of Abuse
14 Carol Merna and the Center's Director of Human Trafficking
15 Services Sara Dillefeld.