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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Cornerstone Services was founded in 1969 as the
6 Will County Sheltered Workshop by parents and community leaders
7 who wanted to create new opportunities for individuals with
8 disabilities, beginning with services for three people and
9 growing ever since; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its founding, Cornerstone Services has
11 expanded significantly, offering progressive, comprehensive
12 services for people with disabilities; it promotes choices,
13 dignity, and the opportunity to live and work in the community;
14 it presently serves almost 1,200 persons daily; and

15 WHEREAS, Cornerstone Services advocates for people with
16 disabilities and is recognized as a leader in providing support
17 through seven-day program locations and 42 group homes in Will
18 and Kankakee Counties; and

19 WHEREAS, Cornerstone Services' 550 full and part-time
20 employees provide specialized services to empower individuals
21 with as much independence as possible and help people find and

1 keep jobs, maintain stable housing, and learn to access public
2 transportation and community resources; and

3 WHEREAS, Last year, Cornerstone Services helped people
4 with disabilities secure 187 new jobs, resulting in \$1.5
5 million in wages; through its assistance, 57 percent of people
6 with mental illness who participate in the State's Individual
7 Placement and Support Program are employed, far outpacing the
8 national average of 15 percent employment for said group; and

9 WHEREAS, Cornerstone Services is guided by the principle of
10 individual choice, as evidenced by individuals being treated
11 with dignity and respect and being offered a variety of choices
12 and supportive measures to make informed decisions; service
13 plans are developed with, not for, individuals and are driven
14 by the individual served and his or her supporters; the
15 fulfillment of its mission is a continued greater independence
16 for individuals with disabilities; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Cornerstone Services on its 50th anniversary,
20 and we wish it continued success as it serves those with
21 disabilities in Will and Kankakee Counties; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Cornerstone Services as an expression of our
2 esteem and respect.