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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Northwestern University's Dance Marathon is one
3 of the largest student-run philanthropic groups in the world;
4 every year, fundraising begins in the fall, culminating in an
5 over 1,000 student, 30-hour dance marathon in March; this
6 year's marathon will take place March 6 through March 8; and

7 WHEREAS, Started in 1975, the Dance Marathon has raised
8 over 20 million dollars for over 30 unique beneficiaries
9 throughout its 46 year history; and

10 WHEREAS, This year, the primary beneficiary of the Dance
11 Marathon is Children's Home & Aid, which is a nonprofit
12 dedicated to recovering neglected children's health, hope, and
13 faith in the people around them; and

14 WHEREAS, The money raised from the Dance Marathon will
15 provide the children under Children's Home & Aid's care with
16 counseling, expression therapy, and mentor programs, which
17 will eventually lead to a permanent home placement; this year,
18 the Marathon dancers will specifically work with the Daniel F.
19 and Ada L. Rice Child and Family Center, a foster shelter
20 located in Evanston; and

21 WHEREAS, The Evanston Community Foundation will be the

1 secondary beneficiary of the Dance Marathon for the
2 twenty-third year in a row; the Evanston Community Foundation
3 works to strengthen Evanston and the surrounding communities by
4 awarding grants and endowment funds to deserving individuals,
5 families, and organizations with the goal of helping Evanston
6 thrive; and

7 WHEREAS, The Dance Marathon not only raises money for
8 deserving causes but also gives Northwestern students a college
9 community and teaches them the importance of philanthropy and
10 services as well as leadership and career skills; therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we commend the Northwestern University Dance Marathon for their
15 annual months-long fundraising and charitable efforts; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Northwestern University Dance Marathon as a
19 symbol of our esteem and respect.