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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate KidsMatter on the occasion of the organization's 20th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, KidsMatter was created by Edward Hospital in Naperville in 1998; it was formed as a community-wide prevention health strategy to combat teenage destructive behaviors and focused on the healthy development of all young people; and

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WHEREAS, KidsMatter selected the Search Institute's research-proven 40 Developmental Asset Framework as the organization's infrastructure to help ensure it possessed the core building blocks of healthy development for youth; and

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WHEREAS, KidsMatter became an independent not-for-profit in 2001; the organization was recognized as the area's only non-client based, proactive, youth-oriented organization helping kids build developmental assets, including positive values, healthy relationships, and self-esteem; and

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WHEREAS, KidsMatter serves as the leader of the Collaborative Youth Team, a community bridge connecting 35 social service agencies, government-based organizations, and

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1 school districts together in meaningful collaboration to  
2 positively impact the lives of area youth; and

3 WHEREAS, KidsMatter celebrated its 20th Anniversary at its  
4 EMPOWER Gala on September 17, 2021; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we congratulate KidsMatter on its 20th anniversary, and we  
8 wish the organization continued success in the years ahead  
9 empowering kids to realize their purpose and to know and  
10 understand their value and helping them find their pathway;  
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to KidsMatter as an expression of our esteem and  
14 respect.