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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Murray Parents Association on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, The Murray Parents Association was founded in October 1971; and

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WHEREAS, As part of its mission, the Murray Parents Association members work to promote the general welfare of the residents of the Murray Center and foster the development of programs on their behalf; and

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WHEREAS, The Murray Parents Association advises and aids parents in finding solutions to their problems as well as helps to coordinate their efforts and activities; and

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WHEREAS, The Murray Parents Association encourages research and actively works to help the public gain a better understanding of the problems associated with developmental disabilities, as the association serves as a clearinghouse for gathering and disseminating information and cooperating with the public, with private and religious agencies, and with professional groups; and

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1 WHEREAS, There are 252 residents at the Murray Center, and
2 over half of these residents have called Murray home for at
3 least 20 years; and

4 WHEREAS, These individuals have many complex needs that
5 are well met by the Murray Center staff; more than half have a
6 dual diagnosis of a developmental disability and a mental
7 illness; serious behavioral issues are well managed at the
8 Murray Center; and

9 WHEREAS, Nearly half, approximately 45%, of the Murray
10 Center residents are non-ambulatory; many cannot express
11 themselves verbally and understand very little of the world
12 around them; medical issues are prevalent and complicate even
13 further the labor intensive needs of these individuals; some
14 residents are completely dependent on others for every need;
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16 WHEREAS, The 24-hour nursing care provided at the Murray
17 Center is essential to the well-being of many of its
18 residents; and

19 WHEREAS, When then-Governor Quinn announced plans to close
20 the Murray Center in 2012, his attempts were unsuccessful as a
21 result of the efforts made by the Murray Parents Association;
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1 WHEREAS, Since that time, the Murray Parents Association
2 has continued to work tirelessly to help others understand the
3 value and importance of the Murray Center; and

4 WHEREAS, For 50 years, the Murray Parents Association
5 members have volunteered their time to promote the general
6 welfare of the residents of the Murray Center and foster the
7 development of programs on their behalf; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate the Murray Parents Association on its 50th
11 anniversary; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Murray Parents Association on its 50th
14 anniversary as an expression of our esteem and respect.