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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Founded by James P. Hamilton in 1973, Milestone
6 is a private, nonprofit organization that has served
7 intellectually and developmentally disabled adults throughout
8 its existence; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1976, Milestone created the first residential
10 care program for intellectually and developmentally disabled
11 adults in Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1979 and 1981, Milestone created housing
13 opportunities, including apartments, for physically,
14 intellectually, and developmentally disabled adults that
15 focused on comfortable, home-like atmospheres and acted as a
16 model for future developments to accommodate this previously
17 unserved and underserved population; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1992, Milestone opened Milestone Industries,
19 allowing individuals to develop meaningful work and living
20 skills through training offered at a sheltered workshop and
21 vocational center; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1999, Milestone opened the first ever dental
2 facility in the United States that was devoted to serving
3 children and adults with intellectual and developmental
4 disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, Milestone leadership and staff remain committed
6 to its mission that everyone has the right to be treated with
7 respect, to participate in community life, to develop and
8 exercise personal competence, to have family and friends, and
9 to make decisions in their lives; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Milestone, Inc. on its 50th anniversary, and
13 we thank the organization for its continued devotion to
14 providing living skills, safety, and leisure activities to the
15 individuals it serves; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Milestone as an expression of our esteem and
18 respect.