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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Domestic abuse and domestic violence are  
3 increasingly recognized as scourges that not only can harm  
4 individuals but also can damage and destroy families; its  
5 episodes, when they happen, create emotions that reverberate  
6 outward onto many other individuals; and

7           WHEREAS, Under President/CEO Rebecca Darr, the  
8 Chicago-area-centered WINGS Program, Inc. seeks to preempt  
9 these emotions by providing housing, education, and advocacy  
10 in a package of long-term integrated services for persons who  
11 have experienced domestic violence; and

12           WHEREAS, The WINGS Program, Inc. is aligned with, and has  
13 affiliations with, 162 separate safe housing options for  
14 people in and around the Chicagoland area who have experienced  
15 domestic violence; and

16           WHEREAS, The WINGS Program, Inc., realizing that safe  
17 housing is only the beginning for persons who have experienced  
18 domestic violence, has created a program of client-centered  
19 personal support for these individuals and their loved ones,  
20 extending over a targeted period of two years for each client;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, The holistic services provided by the WINGS  
2 Program, Inc. for persons who have experienced domestic  
3 violence can generate new experiences and work with them to  
4 build strong people capable of new durable interpersonal  
5 relationships, people who will never forget but also never  
6 fall back; and

7           WHEREAS, Another key to the provision of these holistic  
8 services over the time frame for each client that is made  
9 necessary by the reality of domestic violence is the  
10 coordination of donor relations for persons who are supporters  
11 of the WINGS Program, Inc; and

12           WHEREAS, When Rebecca Darr came on board the WINGS  
13 Program, Inc., its budget was \$350,000; during her time with  
14 the WINGS Program, Inc., this sum has grown to \$13 million; and

15           WHEREAS, After 21 years as the executive director of the  
16 WINGS Program, Inc., Rebecca Darr was named president and CEO  
17 of the program in 2020; without her participation and  
18 leadership, the program and its clients could never have  
19 dreamed of reaching their goals together; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we recognize the achievements of President/CEO Rebecca Darr on

1 her 25th anniversary serving in an executive capacity with  
2 WINGS Program, Inc.; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we thank not only President/CEO Rebecca  
4 Darr but also the courageous clients of WINGS Program, Inc.  
5 and the persons who have donated their time and resources to  
6 the program to make it what it has become over the last quarter  
7 of a century; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That by expressing our appreciation to  
9 President/CEO Rebecca Darr and WINGS Program, Inc., we renew  
10 our commitment to reducing and eliminating the scourge of  
11 domestic violence in Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to President/CEO Rebecca Darr as a symbol of our  
14 recognition of her leadership and the service provided by  
15 WINGS Program, Inc. and its dedicated professionals, allies,  
16 donors, and volunteers.