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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Loaves & Fishes Community
4 Services of Naperville as it commemorates four decades of
5 unwavering dedication and impactful service to its community;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings in 1984, sparked by a
8 group of compassionate members from St. Raphael Catholic
9 Church who served eight families struggling with food
10 insecurity, Loaves & Fishes Community Services (Loaves &
11 Fishes) has now evolved into the largest food pantry in
12 Illinois and into a beacon of hope, providing nourishment and
13 assistance to over 9,000 individuals each week across DuPage,
14 Kane, Kendall, and Will Counties; and

15 WHEREAS, Loaves & Fishes has operated from a closet in St.
16 Raphael Catholic Church, in a trailer located on 5th Avenue in
17 Naperville, and at its current flagship building in
18 Naperville; the organization has a 30,000 square foot food
19 distribution hub in Aurora and numerous sites for food
20 distribution; and

21 WHEREAS, Loaves & Fishes went from serving a few cans of
22 food to serving more than 15 tons of healthy food each

1 distribution day, supporting the overall health of clients and
2 the growth and development of children; and

3 WHEREAS, Through the dedication and tireless efforts of
4 its board, staff, donors, and hundreds of volunteers, Loaves &
5 Fishes has provided access to healthy food and impactful
6 programs to empower struggling families towards
7 self-sufficiency; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to grocery assistance, Loaves &
9 Fishes offers numerous programs for self-sufficiency,
10 including emergency assistance for rent or utilities, job
11 readiness, car donations, and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
12 (VITA); and

13 WHEREAS, Beyond the distribution of food and programs,
14 Loaves & Fishes has fostered a culture of dignity, compassion,
15 and hope within its community, impacting the lives of
16 countless individuals and families; and

17 WHEREAS, On this milestone occasion of its 40th
18 anniversary, it is fitting to recognize and celebrate the
19 remarkable achievements and steadfast dedication of Loaves &
20 Fishes in its mission to end hunger and transform lives;
21 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Loaves & Fishes Community Services (Loaves &
4 Fishes) on the 40th anniversary of its founding; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to Loaves & Fishes, the City of Naperville, and the
8 City of Aurora as an expression of our esteem and respect.