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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Hancock County Health Department and Home Health Agency on the occasion of its 25th anniversary on Thursday, March 27, 2003; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, a tax referendum was passed by the residents of Hancock County that enabled the Hancock County Health Department to be established; and

WHEREAS, In February of 1978, the Hancock County Health Department and Home Health Agency opened its doors for the first time in the Hancock county courthouse with two employees; some of the services available at that time were Home Health, WIC, and immunizations; space was so tight that the women's restroom was used for the purpose of immunizations, check-ups, and just a few clothing items for the needy; and

WHEREAS, In 1986 the organization moved to 73 South Adams Street, a 2 story building across from the courthouse; the services expanded to include family case management, family planning, a food pantry, larger clothing capabilities, and a medical equipment loan program; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2002, the Hancock County Health Department and Home Health Agency moved to a new building at 671 Wabash Avenue in Carthage; a wide variety of services are offered by the 27 current employees, such as family planning, environmental health, health education, and various wellness clinics; the building is on one floor and is completely handicapped accessible; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Hancock County Health Department and Home

1 Health Agency on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, and we
2 commend the agency for its work with the citizens of Hancock
3 county; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the Hancock County Health Department and Home
6 Health Agency as a token of our respect and esteem.