

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Giant Steps Illinois, Inc. is a model program  
3 for autism education and family support; the mission of Giant  
4 Steps is to provide educational and therapeutic services to  
5 individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their  
6 families; and

7 WHEREAS, The Educational and Therapeutic Day School of  
8 Giant Steps began serving 12 full-time students in 1997;  
9 today, it serves 30 children with autism, ages 5 to 13; it is  
10 located in Burr Ridge and students currently come from 17  
11 different communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The Autism Center for Excellence of Giant Steps  
13 provides a multitude of services; the Stepping Stones Program  
14 is a community outreach program that offers family-based  
15 classes for children with autism spectrum disorders from ages  
16 2 to 14; and

17 WHEREAS, The Autism Center for Excellence provides  
18 consultative services to ensure that children with autism  
19 spectrum disorders are provided with necessary therapeutic  
20 and educational supports for success in the least restrictive  
21 environment; the services are available at cost for school  
22 districts and families within the home and school  
23 environment; the Center also provides professional training  
24 and workshops as well as internship training; and

25 WHEREAS, The core values of Giant Steps Illinois, Inc.  
26 are family focus, innovative services, excellence, inclusion,  
27 collaborative partnerships, and community outreach;  
28 therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
30 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
31 we recognize Giant Steps Illinois, Inc. as a model program

1 for autism education and family support and commend the  
2 organization for its work in the area of autism spectrum  
3 disorders; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to Giant Steps Illinois, Inc. as a token of our  
6 respect and esteem.