



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Gwendolyn Mastin
4 on being named a recipient of the Robert Wood Johnson Community
5 Health Leadership Program award, the nation's highest honor for
6 community health leadership; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1991, Ms. Mastin founded New Phoenix Assistance
8 Center, Chicago's first scattered-site housing program for
9 homeless women infected with HIV or AIDS and their children;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, New Phoenix's scattered-site housing program
12 promotes independent permanent living situations for
13 participants that are homeless and may be infected or affected
14 by the HIV/AIDS virus within the South Shore community; the
15 agency also provides transitional housing for pregnant teens
16 and young mothers who are wards of the State, homeless women,
17 and homeless families; since it was founded, the program has
18 served more than 5,700 people in the metropolitan Chicago area;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Mastin chairs the State Advisory Committee on
21 Child Abuse and Neglect, is the co-founder of X-Mas in April
22 Metro Chicago, serves on the University of Illinois at Chicago
23 Extension Committee, and is an active participant in the
24 Chicago Continuum of Care; and

25 WHEREAS, The Robert Wood Johnson Community Health
26 Leadership Program (CHLP) awards \$1.2 million each year to
27 individuals who have overcome significant challenges to expand
28 access to health care and social services to underserved
29 members of their communities; Ms. Mastin was chosen from nearly
30 800 nominations and is one of 10 winners of the national award
31 honored in 2004; the award comes with \$105,000 to enhance the

1 New Phoenix program and a \$15,000 personal award; therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Gwendolyn Mastin on the distinct honor of being
6 named a recipient of the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health
7 Leadership Program award; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Gwendolyn Mastin as an expression of our deepest
10 respect and esteem.