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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 3 State of Illinois wish to congratulate Metropolitan Family 4 Services on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, which will 5 be celebrated with a series of events throughout 2007; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Family Services is at the heart of Chicago's city and suburban communities responding to the needs of families since February 16, 1857; through seven major community centers, Metropolitan Family Services serves low-income and working-poor families facing a dynamic and ever-changing environment; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Family Services provides numerous programs and services such as Child and Youth Development, School-based Services and Violence Prevention, Counseling and Mental Health Services, Child Welfare, Employee Assistance Programs, Financial Literacy Services, Legal Aid Bureau, Services for Older Adults and Their Families, Community Development, and Social Policy; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Family Services has 570 full-time professional staff members dedicated to providing quality services to families from southwest Cook and DuPage counties to Evanston and Skokie; they serve nearly 60,000 families and

- 1 individuals, as diverse as the communities they live in, with
- 2 hundreds of thousands more benefitting from Metropolitan
- 3 Family Service's social policy and advocacy efforts; and
- WHEREAS, 85 cents of every dollar received goes toward
- 5 direct client services; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Metropolitan Family Services is currently led by
- 7 President and Chief Executive Officer Richard L. Jones;
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 11 congratulate the Metropolitan Family Services on the occasion
- of their sesquicentennial anniversary; and be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to Richard L. Jones and Metropolitan Family Services.