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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to express their support for the Town
4 of Cicero's "Ceasefire Week", to be held during the week of
5 June 22-27, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, CeaseFire is an initiative of the Chicago Project
7 for Violence Prevention; the initiative is a strategic public
8 health effort to reverse the violence epidemic using highly
9 trained street outreach staff, public education campaigns, and
10 community mobilization and is run by Corazon Community Services
11 in Cicero; and

12 WHEREAS, CeaseFire is committed to making a difference in
13 the lives of youth, families, and the general community in
14 Cicero; Corazon Community Services annually serves
15 approximately 1,000 young people through their programs and
16 services, with approximately 45% of their employees consisting
17 of local youth from the community; and

18 WHEREAS, Corazon Community Services, in collaboration with
19 the Town of Cicero, community based organizations, and
20 churches, has introduced "Ceasefire Week" in Cicero in order to
21 involve youth, parents, churches, law enforcement, local
22 elected officials, and other community based organizations and

1 businesses to connect and kick off the summer with peace and
2 non-violence; and

3 WHEREAS, Last year thousands of young people and their
4 families participated in the week long events of "Ceasefire
5 Week"; for the 2008 celebration, Corazon plans to have soccer
6 tournaments at their new soccer field, volleyball games at
7 Morton East, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Cicero Stadium,
8 softball games at Kolar Field, community murals, and a peace
9 march and youth concert; and

10 WHEREAS, Corazon Community Services, the Town of Cicero,
11 and the numerous community organizations involved with
12 "Ceasefire Week" are to be commended for their work with the
13 children of Cicero and for spreading the message of
14 non-violence to all; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 express our support for the Town of Cicero's "Ceasefire Week"
18 and wish the event organizers and participants success and
19 happiness during their festivities; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Cicero Town President Larry Dominick and a
22 representative of Corazon Community Services as a symbol of our

1 esteem and respect.