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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the staff and
4 administration of The Hope Center in Albion on the occasion of
5 being selected as a 2008 Governor's Home Town Award winner; and

6 WHEREAS, The Governor's Home Town Awards are given to
7 recognize individuals and groups that unselfishly give to
8 others in order to make their communities better and stronger,
9 instill pride in their neighborhoods, and improve the overall
10 quality of life; after a rigorous judging process of reviewing
11 and ranking applications based on local need, volunteer
12 participation, project continuity, and results, only 49
13 projects were selected as Governor's Home Town Award winners;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Hope Center in Albion is a Christian resource
16 center that is operated by volunteers and is supported by
17 community donations; with many rural Americans facing
18 challenges in getting needed services, the volunteers of the
19 Hope Center saw a need in their community; and

20 WHEREAS, The Hope Center's main building was bought by the
21 Smith family, who originally had the idea of starting a teen
22 center there; the center's goals, however, soon grew to more

1 comprehensive community services; today, the center provides
2 food, clothing, household items, education, and pregnancy
3 counseling services to those in need, among many other
4 services; and

5 WHEREAS, The Hope Center has over 50 families involved in
6 their Beacon of Hope Mentoring program, a program for children
7 in White, Wayne, and Edwards Counties whose parent or parents
8 are incarcerated; and

9 WHEREAS, The Hope Center also collects new and good used
10 toys for the Feed the Family program, which will provide
11 Christmas food and toys for over 70 area families; and

12 WHEREAS, The Hope Center's message of charity and
13 compassion is worthy of the greatest respect of both this
14 august body and the people of the State of Illinois; therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate the staff and administration of The Hope Center in
19 Albion for winning a 2008 Governor's Home Town Award and wish
20 them continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to a representative of The Hope Center as a symbol of
3 our esteem and respect.