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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Sister Rosemary
4 Connelly and Misericordia/Heart of Mercy Home for their
5 dedication to children; and

6 WHEREAS, The Mission Statement of Misericordia/Heart of
7 Mercy is "to support individuals with developmental
8 disabilities in maximizing their level of independence and
9 self-determination within an environment that fosters
10 spirituality, dignity, respect and enhancement of quality of
11 life; We promote development of natural family and community
12 support, community awareness, education and advocacy"; and

13 WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary was appointed to oversee
14 Misericordia in 1969; she made the decision to truly care for
15 the people in her care, babies and youngsters with Down
16 syndrome and other developmental disabilities, instead of
17 letting them lie in their beds; and

18 WHEREAS, Her level of caring has made Misericordia a highly
19 rated institution that employs 1,020 people today, caring for
20 560 children and adults on a daily basis; and

21 WHEREAS, Misericordia has a wide range of programs to meet

1 the diverse needs of persons with developmental disabilities,
2 including: residential placement and day-to-day support; job
3 training and employment opportunities; physical, occupational,
4 and speech therapy; fitness and healthy living guidance; social
5 and recreational outings; and opportunities for spiritual
6 growth; and

7 WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary has been a fundraiser and driving
8 force for Misericordia for 40 years and also celebrates her
9 60th anniversary with the Sisters of Mercy this year;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Sister Rosemary Connelly on her anniversary and
14 wish her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Sister Rosemary Connelly as a symbol of our
18 respect and esteem.