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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Georgia Winson on
4 her many accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia Winson has served with the Hope Institute
6 for Children and Families since 2003 as chief administrator of
7 the Autism Program of Illinois; she also serves as the vice
8 president and chief clinician at the Hope Institute; and

9 WHEREAS, During her tenure at the Hope Institute, Georgia
10 Winson diligently and selflessly supported families of
11 children with autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities
12 through numerous channels, including direct services,
13 training, public policy, system development, and State and
14 national outreach; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia Winson fostered the creation and growth of
16 the Autism Program of Illinois, the largest state-wide network
17 of services in the country for the support of children with
18 autism spectrum disorders; she worked alongside State and
19 federal policymakers to ensure appropriate services and
20 support for the growing population of children and adults with
21 autism; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to developing the system model for the
2 Autism Program of Illinois, Georgia Winson convened the
3 Intersect for Ability network, which comprises 11 agencies in
4 Chicago that work in cooperation to improve the quality of life
5 for adults with developmental disabilities and advocate for
6 integrated community employment opportunities for adults of
7 all abilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Through her leadership at the Hope Institute for
9 Children and Families, Georgia Winson fostered the highest
10 standards of treatment based on best practice and mentored a
11 highly educated and caring staff, thereby providing an
12 enriching environment for children with multiple disabilities
13 to learn, grow, and develop into their best selves; and

14 WHEREAS, Because of her immense dedication and service to
15 the disabled community in Illinois, Georgia Winson's
16 contributions will continue to shape care, community
17 involvement, and legislation for many future generations;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Georgia Winson on her many accomplishments and
22 wish her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That an suitable copy of this resolution be
2 provided to Georgia Winson as a symbol of our respect and
3 esteem.