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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize the Joliet Area  
4 Community Hospice on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and

5           WHEREAS, The Joliet Area Community Hospice is a  
6 not-for-profit hospice established in 1982 under the tutelage  
7 of Rosemary Bowe, the first executive director; it has served  
8 over 21,000 terminally-ill persons, their loved ones, and  
9 caregivers with dignity in the counties of Will, Grundy, and  
10 Kendall along with parts of Cook, DuPage, and Kankakee; and

11           WHEREAS, 1986 saw the Joliet Area Community Hospice receive  
12 full licensing from the State of Illinois Department of Public  
13 Health and Mary Jo Smith named the second executive director;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Duane Krieger became the Joliet Area Community  
16 Hospice's third executive director in 1992; and

17           WHEREAS, The Joliet Area Community Hospice opened the first  
18 free-standing hospice home in the State of Illinois on May 4,  
19 2004; and

20           WHEREAS, The Joliet Area Community Hospice has an

1 established pediatric program dedicated to serving infants,  
2 children, and their families; it has a Pride, Honor, and  
3 Dignity Veterans Hospice program; and

4 WHEREAS, The Joliet Area Community Hospice receives  
5 financial support from the United Way of Will County, the  
6 United Way of Grundy County, and thousands of individuals,  
7 business owners, and social and civic organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, The current CEO of the Joliet Area Community  
9 Hospice, Rick Kasper, took over in 2009; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we recognize the Joliet Area Community Hospice on the 30th  
13 anniversary of its founding and thank the administrators and  
14 employees past and present for the compassionate and valuable  
15 services they provide; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the Joliet Area Community Hospice as an expression  
18 of our esteem and respect.