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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the owners and employees of the Air Methods Corporation on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the organization's LIFESTAR Chicago program; and

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WHEREAS, LIFESTAR Chicago is a critical care transport service owned and operated by the Air Methods Corporation; the service consists of a 24-hour, 7 day a week air medical service established to facilitate the rapid transport of critically ill or injured patients; and

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WHEREAS, The history of LIFESTAR Chicago began in 1988, when a vendor contract was created to provide aircraft, pilots, and mechanics to Loyola University Medical Center; the program operated as a "Traditional Based" program, flying patients primarily back to Loyola University Medical Center; in 2003, the Air Methods Corporation of Peoria, Colorado took over as the vendor for Loyola University Medical Center; in 2007, the Loyola University Medical Center sold the LIFESTAR program to the Air Methods Corporation, which changed the program from a "Traditional Based" program to a "Community Based" program which flies patients from any hospital to any hospital; that same year, the LIFESTAR Chicago program was relocated to the

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1 Joliet area; and

2 WHEREAS, For the last 25 years, LIFESTAR Chicago has
3 faithfully fulfilled its mission of providing safe and
4 professional air medical transportation services with the
5 highest level of quality and integrity in a community-based
6 setting; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the owners and employees of the Air Methods
10 Corporation on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the
11 organization's LIFESTAR Chicago program and wish them
12 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the Air Methods Corporation as a symbol of our
16 esteem and respect.