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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate and thank the founder and
4 employees of A Place for Me for their work in helping families
5 and children affected by autism; and

6 WHEREAS, A Place for Me is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit
7 foundation founded by Elaine Reeves-Haywood in June of 2002; in
8 creating A Place for Me, she sought to establish an
9 organization that committed to providing services and support
10 to families and children affected by autism; and

11 WHEREAS, The founder and employees of A Place for Me work
12 diligently to fulfill the organization's mission; among its
13 mission goals are providing support for ongoing parent/child
14 issues, voicing concerns for autism related issues, serving as
15 a community resource, providing training and support on various
16 autism-related topics, providing educational assistance to
17 regular and special education students, helping to make and use
18 appropriate visual support to enhance the learning styles of
19 students, helping others to use social stories and role playing
20 to teaching social concepts, helping to educating parents of
21 the laws and their rights regarding autism, and providing
22 social and recreational opportunities; and

1 WHEREAS, A Place for Me has put forth great efforts in
2 raising the awareness of autism in the community; the
3 organization has conducted numerous education workshops, IEP
4 support sessions, and individual parent training sessions with
5 visual aids; the organization has also presented numerous
6 workshops and sponsored several family outings to promote
7 autism awareness, widen inclusion and social interaction of
8 autistic children, and create environments where autistic
9 children can feel comfortable; and

10 WHEREAS, The great work done by A Place for Me on the
11 behalf of autistic children throughout the State is worthy of
12 the greatest respect; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate the founder and employees of A Place for Me for
16 their work in helping families and children affected by autism
17 and wish them continued success and happiness in the future;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Elaine Reeves-Haywood as a symbol of our esteem
21 and respect.