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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Special Children's Charities has been supporting
3 Special Olympics Chicago programs since 1969; created by Jack
4 McHugh, Special Children's Charities' primary mission is to
5 promote, foster, and encourage physical and mental health and
6 improvement for children and adults with intellectual
7 disabilities and closely related developmental disabilities;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In cooperation with the Chicago Park District,
10 Chicago Public Schools, and Special Olympics Illinois, Special
11 Children's Charities is committed to providing year-round
12 sports training and recreational and social programs for the
13 children and adults of Special Olympics Chicago; and

14 WHEREAS, Special Olympics Chicago is one of 17 areas of
15 Special Olympics Illinois offering training and competition in
16 22 sports; athletes learn fundamentals, rules, and strategies
17 from their coaches during a training period prior to
18 competition; competitions are held at the area, regional, and
19 State levels; Special Olympics Chicago also provides motor
20 activities training programs for persons with severe and
21 profound disabilities; and

22 WHEREAS, Special Olympics is the world's largest program

1 for sports training and athletic competition for children and
2 adults with intellectual disabilities, inspiring greatness in
3 more than one million athletes in 150 nations worldwide;
4 because of Special Olympics, the world has witnessed the
5 courage, character, dedication, dignity, and worth of people
6 with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, On May 4, 2015, the opening ceremonies were held
8 in honor of their Spring Games; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 recognize the Special Children's Charities for their support of
12 Special Olympics Chicago; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Special Children's Charities as an expression of
15 our esteem and respect.