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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Warren G. Murray Developmental Center in Centralia was built in 1964 to meet the needs of children faced with severe developmental disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, There are currently 229 residents at Murray Center; over half of the residents have called Murray home for at least 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, More than half of Murray Center residents have a dual diagnosis of a developmental disability and a mental illness; 45% of the Murray residents are non-ambulatory and many cannot express themselves verbally and understand very little of the world around them; medical issues are prevalent and complicate even further the labor intensive needs of these individuals, leaving some individuals completely dependent upon others for every need; and

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WHEREAS, In 2012, it was announced that the Warren G. Murray Developmental Center would close its doors; thanks to the dedication and hard work from the Murray Parents Association, Friends of Murray Center, Illinois State Representative John Cavaletto, Illinois State Representative Charlie Meier, Illinois State Senator Kyle McCarter, Governor Bruce Rauner, and dozens of Illinois legislators, the Murray

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1 Center will remain open; and

2 WHEREAS, The Murray Center Coalition will be hosting a
3 festival and parade on October 18, 2015 to celebrate Murray
4 Center remaining open; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 designate October 18, 2015 as Murray Center Day in the State of
8 Illinois to honor the residents living at the Warren G. Murray
9 Developmental Center in Centralia; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 presented to the Murray Center Coalition, the Murray Parents
12 Association, and Governor Bruce Rauner in recognition of Murray
13 Center Day.