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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Theresa Coye Nihill on 4 becoming the Chief Operating Officer of Metropolitan Family 5 Services; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Nihill has served in her current position as Executive Director of the Metropolitan DuPage Center since 2007; she joined Metropolitan as a social worker in 1986, and throughout her 30-year career, has helped provide low-income families with job, education, health, and other services; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Nihill has led and worked with community partners to identify gaps in services and has worked tirelessly to fill those gaps; she has worked to expand, improve, and build new systems in human services to help meet the basic needs of DuPage County residents, especially the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Nihill is a true collaborator and helped found and develop numerous programs, including Family Self-Sufficiency, which provides lower-income families access to child care, educational and job opportunities, and intensive emotional support; Supportive Housing Initiative for Families in Transition designed to stabilize housing for homeless

- families so they may address issues associated with poverty; We 1
- 2 Go Together for Kids, a collaborative that addresses the
- health, safety, and the well-being of West Chicago students and 3
- their families; and several integrated behavioral health and 4
- 5 primary health programs; and
- WHEREAS, Theresa Nihill's leadership roles include serving 6
- 7 on the Steering Committee for Impact DuPage and the Behavioral
- 8 Health Collaboration for DuPage County; the Boards of the
- 9 DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform and Positive
- 10 Parenting DuPage; and the Steering Committee for We Go Together
- 11 for Kids; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Under Theresa Nihill's leadership,
- 13 Metropolitan DuPage Center won grants to provide Head Start and
- 14 Early Head Start programming in DuPage County, and secured
- 15 support for the Addison Children's Center; and
- WHEREAS, Theresa Nihill was named one of DuPage County's 16
- 17 "50 Under 50" and as a Woman of Distinction by Suburban Life
- Media; and 18
- 19 WHEREAS, Theresa Nihill helped forge a partnership with the
- People's Resource Center that provides mental health services 20
- 21 to individuals and families living in Southeast DuPage County
- 22 which had been underserved; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Theresa Nihill is an inspiration to others and a
- 2 role model to young women who strive to succeed; therefore, be
- 3 it
- 4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 6 congratulate Theresa Coye Nihill on becoming the Chief
- 7 Operating Officer of Metropolitan Family Services, and we wish
- 8 her many years of success; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 10 presented to Theresa Nihill as an expression of our esteem and
- 11 respect.