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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the administration and
4 staff of Concordia Place on the occasion of the 35th
5 anniversary of the Concordia Child Care Center and the 10th
6 anniversary of the Concordia Avondale Campus in 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, Concordia Place is a vibrant non-profit
8 organization that provides proactive solutions to key social
9 needs; Concordia Place focuses on growth and opportunity to
10 instill self-sufficiency and independence and serves
11 low-income and working poor families through economically
12 inclusive programs; and

13 WHEREAS, Concordia Place was created in 1981 when three
14 single mothers approached Pastor Nicholas Zook at Concordia
15 Lutheran Church, asking for help with after-school care for
16 their children; despite the fact that the mothers were not
17 members of the church and had very little means, Pastor Zook
18 agreed and started an after-school program for 12 "latch-key
19 kids"; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1989, the Concordia Child Care Center was
21 expanded to include full-day preschool for children ages three
22 to five; in 2001, Concordia Lutheran Church purchased a vacant

1 church and school at 3300 N. Whipple St. and began fundraising
2 and working with elected officials and community leaders to
3 expand to serve more children and families in the Avondale
4 community; in 2002, the Concordia Avondale Campus was created;
5 in 2003, the Concordia Child Care Center was included in this
6 new non-profit organization; in 2006, the Concordia Child Care
7 Center opened, which expanded programs to infants and toddlers
8 as well as teens, seniors, and adult learning programs; in
9 2009, the organization's name was changed to Concordia Place to
10 reflect the multiple communities that they serve; in 2016,
11 Concordia Day, a sister program, was launched with a social
12 mission of strengthening Concordia Place and its mission; and

13 WHEREAS, Concordia Place currently serves 800 young
14 children, teens, adults, and seniors every year through
15 numerous services, including Early Learning and pre-school
16 care and education programs, School-Age 365 after-school and
17 summer camp programs, teen leadership initiatives, resume
18 preparation and career exploration services, free English as a
19 Second Language classes, senior wellness programs, senior lift
20 and transportation volunteer programs, service learning
21 projects, ecology, nutrition, and culinary programs, and
22 holistic services, among others; and

23 WHEREAS, The administration and staff of Concordia Place
24 serve as models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the

1 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate the administration and staff of Concordia Place on
5 the occasion of the 35th anniversary of their original location
6 in North Center, Chicago, and the 10th anniversary of their
7 expansion to the Avondale community and wish them continued
8 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Concordia Place as a symbol of our esteem and
11 respect.