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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Michele "Mickey" Haldeman on
4 her commitment to foster care through her work with SOS
5 Children's Villages Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Founded over 30 years ago, SOS Children's
7 Villages Illinois is an award-winning, non-profit organization
8 that strives to keep siblings together while providing an
9 individual licensed home in a supportive, community
10 environment that marshals all the resources needed to help
11 at-risk youth in foster care heal and achieve their permanency
12 goals; the non-profit currently operates four sites, three
13 Villages that provide sibling group foster care, located in
14 Lockport and the Auburn Gresham and the Roosevelt Square
15 Community neighborhoods of Chicago, and the Casa Tepeyac
16 facility that offers preventative and in-home services, which
17 is located in the Back of the Yards neighborhood of Chicago;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mickey Haldeman was the very first foster parent
20 to serve SOS Children's Villages Illinois; her journey began
21 with a deep-seated love for children, first manifested through
22 babysitting and later while working as a daycare director; she
23 joined SOS Children's Villages after responding to an

1 advertisement for a foster parent position with the
2 organization in Wisconsin; and

3 WHEREAS, For over three decades, Mickey Haldeman has
4 served as a caregiver to over 40 children, adopting two of her
5 own; she has operated out of the organization's Lockport
6 Village, where she has raised many children from infancy to
7 adulthood; as trends in foster care have progressed towards a
8 model of permanency, she has continued her work as a nurturer
9 of sibling groups and as a leader within the organization's
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, Mickey Haldeman has brought stability and love to
12 the children in her care through her unwavering commitment to
13 foster care, and the nurturing environment she has established
14 has allowed these children to heal, grow, and thrive; and

15 WHEREAS, Mickey Haldeman's dedication and compassionate
16 approach have profoundly impacted the lives of many children,
17 and she has been noted for exuding understanding and patience
18 in the course of her duties as a foster parent; therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we recognize Michele "Mickey" Haldeman on her commitment to

1 foster care through her work with SOS Children's Villages
2 Illinois, and we thank her for her continued service in caring
3 for at-risk children in the State of Illinois; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Mickey Haldeman as an expression of our esteem
7 and respect.