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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Sandra Marbeth on her
4 commitment to foster care through her work with SOS Children's
5 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, Sandra Marbeth's journey into foster care began
20 at St. Coletta's, where she cared for children born to mothers
21 struggling with drug addiction; her deep connection to the
22 children and her unwavering passion led her to join SOS
23 Children's Villages; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the past 30 years, Sandra Marbeth has
2 fostered more than 64 children, adopting six out of her first
3 sibling set of eight; she has operated as a foster parent out
4 of the organization's Lockport Village; and

5 WHEREAS, Sandra Marbeth has long understood the importance
6 of foster parents dedicating parts of their lives to the
7 children in their care, serving as a stabilizing force for
8 at-risk youth who may need additional time and patience to
9 build strong relationships based on trust with others; and

10 WHEREAS, Sandra Marbeth's commitment to providing love and
11 stability has made her an inspirational figure in the world of
12 foster care, and her dedication serves as a testament to the
13 profound impact one person can have on the lives of others;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we recognize Sandra Marbeth on her commitment to foster care
18 through her work with SOS Children's Villages Illinois, and we
19 thank her for her continued service in caring for at-risk
20 children in the State of Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Sandra Marbeth as an expression of our esteem and
2 respect.