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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The John Howard Association was founded in Chicago in 1901 for the purpose of prison and jail reform and was named for John Howard, the High Sheriff of Bedford County, England; and

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WHEREAS, Since 1901, the John Howard Association has served the State of Illinois as the State's premier prison watchdog, monitoring, and advocacy organization; and

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WHEREAS, The John Howard Association is recognized nationally as one of the oldest and most respected voluntary, non-profit prison reform groups; and

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WHEREAS, The John Howard Association has worked with State, county and municipal governments throughout the State of Illinois in advancing humane and effective jails, prisons, lock-ups, and juvenile detention centers; and

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WHEREAS, The John Howard Association has advocated in the General Assembly for improved policies, practices, and programs regarding sentencing, alternatives to incarceration, and a variety of program services for residents of correctional facilities; and

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WHEREAS, The John Howard Association, since its inception, has been led by a diverse group of dedicated volunteer Board members; and

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WHEREAS, The John Howard Association, has served on a variety of gubernatorial appointed boards and commissions; and

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WHEREAS, The John Howard Association has participated in and provided leadership to the Legislative Task Force on Released Offenders; and

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WHEREAS, The John Howard Association, on behalf of the

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1 citizens of Illinois, closely monitors the expenditure of tax
2 dollars on correctional facilities; and

3 WHEREAS, The John Howard Association, as a member of the
4 United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, is supported by private
5 dollars from individuals, foundations and corporations; and

6 WHEREAS, The John Howard Association is celebrating its
7 100th Anniversary of service to the State of Illinois in
8 2001; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate members of the John Howard Association,
12 express our sincere appreciation for the association's
13 community service over the years, and wish its continued
14 success in the future; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the officers of the John Howard Association.