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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the 60th anniversary of the LaGrange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE); and

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WHEREAS, LADSE began as a pilot project in 1956, an initiative led by its first Executive Director, C. Lewis Martin; and

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WHEREAS, LADSE was established by the State of Illinois in 1957; it was authorized to assist 14 public school districts in the delivery of special education services to students with disabilities - services that were not yet required by federal law; and

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WHEREAS, In 1957, LADSE provided special education classroom instruction to 122 students in 12 classrooms located in five member districts; as of 2017, LADSE provides specialized classroom instruction to 185 students in 20 classrooms located in seven member districts and two community settings; in addition, LADSE provides vocational instruction to 208 district students in district classrooms and community settings; and

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WHEREAS, In 1966, LADSE began operating the Secondary Deaf

1 and Hard of Hearing program for students in the DuPage West
2 Cook region, serving up to 80 students from 25 or more
3 districts on an annual basis; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2017, LADSE provides more than 20 types of
5 support services designed to help students, who have or are at
6 risk of disabilities, achieve improved outcomes in district
7 classrooms and in community settings; in the summer of 2017,
8 LADSE will provide specialized instruction to 250 eligible
9 preschool or elementary students and 20 high school students;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The primary purpose of LADSE is now to provide
12 access to the wide range of specialized services and
13 information necessary to make district services more complete,
14 more personalized, and more effective for students who have or
15 are at-risk of disabilities; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 recognize the 60th anniversary of the LaGrange Area Department
19 of Special Education, and we wish them many more successful
20 years; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to LADSE as a symbol of our respect and esteem.