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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Youth Crossroads, Inc. on the 50th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, In 1971, a concerned group of community organizers in Berwyn received state funds to create a three-year project known as the Youth in Crisis Project, which provided crisis intervention for homeless youth, drug abuse counseling, and support services for underserved teens in the west suburban area; and

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WHEREAS, In 1974, organizers from the Youth in Crisis Project incorporated as an independent non-profit charitable organization known as West Suburban Youth Outreach, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, In 1975, the name was changed to Youth In Crisis, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, By 1978, the agency moved into its own facility in a residential Berwyn neighborhood, and over the next three decades, the agency continued to evolve and expand services that would reach more and more young people in trouble with police, involved with gangs, or experiencing problems at home, in school, or in the community; and

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1           WHEREAS, Over the next three decades, Youth in Crisis,  
2           Inc. services expanded to help teens involved with the police,  
3           street-gangs, and school truancy; and

4           WHEREAS, In 2007, the agency changed its name to Youth  
5           Crossroads, Inc. to better reflect the evolution of services  
6           aimed towards the prevention of problems rather than only  
7           reacting to problems that had reached crisis stage; and

8           WHEREAS, In 2008, Youth Crossroads, Inc. formed the Youth  
9           Leadership Program to focus on local teens; and

10           WHEREAS, Soon after, in 2009, Youth Crossroads, Inc.  
11           created its Community School Initiative and After-School  
12           Programs for middle school students; and

13           WHEREAS, In 2012, Youth Crossroads, Inc. began providing  
14           school-based counseling services to better serve youth; and

15           WHEREAS, In 2022, Youth Crossroads, Inc. relaunched  
16           community-based services to reach youth outside of school  
17           districts; the agency created a workforce development program  
18           designed to give high school students and young adults the  
19           introductory training they need to get good paying jobs and  
20           develop meaningful careers and began a violence prevention

1 program to address gun violence in the community; and

2 WHEREAS, Since its creation, Youth Crossroads, Inc. has  
3 served tens of thousands of youth and their families from  
4 Berwyn, Cicero, Stickney, and neighboring towns and has  
5 partnered with more than 100 community organizations to create  
6 a network of referral sources to address the complex issues  
7 confronting youth and families; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, Youth Crossroads, Inc. offers community  
9 youth opportunities to heal, grow, lead, and thrive;  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we congratulate Youth Crossroads, Inc. on its 50th anniversary  
14 and for providing culturally competent and free services to  
15 at-risk youth; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Youth Crossroads, Inc. as a symbol of our respect  
18 and esteem.