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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to recognize the Uhlich Children's Home in Chicago for its work to focus attention on society's responsibility to dramatically reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, With a coalition of Chicago-area agencies, Uhlich launched the "We Care FOR Kids...We Care ABOUT Kids" Campaign on February 6, 2003; the campaign seeks to improve the image of foster parenting, thereby attracting more adults to provide nurturing environments for at-risk children; remind the public that foster parents cannot undo the trauma that foster children have suffered prior to coming to live with them, but they can give love, support, and guidance as the children adjust and grow; and promote success, rewards, and achievements of Illinois' foster parents and the children they raise and nurture; and

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WHEREAS, Uhlich believes that fostering a strong future for today's young people is an important priority; barriers created by society impede success in all areas of development; Uhlich works to eradicate the inequalities in the juvenile justice system for non-white youth; it also strives to encourage education for all young people and to provide for students to stay in school until graduation, rather than dropping out after age 16; and

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WHEREAS, Uhlich continues to prepare youth today to be leaders tomorrow; Uhlich attempts to give a voice to youth through STARS (Striving to Achieve Realistic Success) and youth-led violence prevention programs which include workshop presentations, town hall meetings, and community efforts to promote youth empowerment, health, and safety as alternatives to violence; and

1 WHEREAS, Uhlich places housing of clients leaving the
2 child welfare system as a high priority as well as education
3 and protection of State services; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we recognize the Uhlich Children's Home for the work it does
7 to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect in
8 Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the Uhlich Children's Home as a token of our
11 respect and esteem.