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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The week of April 22 through April 28, 2007 is recognized as National Victims' Rights Week; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1985 former DuPage County State's Attorney James E. Ryan convened a Task Force on Child Sexual Abuse to design a comprehensive plan for the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child sex abuse in DuPage County; as a result of the task force recommendation, the DuPage County Children's Sex Abuse Center, now known as the Children's Advocacy Center, was founded in March of 1987; and

WHEREAS, The DuPage County Children's Advocacy Center provides a multi-disciplinary approach to addressing the special needs of children who are victims of sexual or serious physical abuse in DuPage County; the first of such centers in Illinois and only the second in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The DuPage County Children's Advocacy Center is observing its 20th anniversary of fulfilling a vital service to the children and families of DuPage County, Illinois; the Center is a nationally recognized model for other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Illinois has 20 plus centers

1 addressing the special needs of young victims of abuse; and

2 WHEREAS, The DuPage County Children's Advocacy Center is
3 comprised of criminal investigators, case managers, and
4 Department of Children and Family Services child protection
5 investigators; and

6 WHEREAS, The DuPage County Children's Advocacy Center is
7 committed and shall remain committed to minimizing the trauma
8 experienced by the child victim of sexual abuse or serious
9 physical abuse during the investigation; to seeking justice
10 from those responsible for the commission of sexual abuse or
11 serious physical abuse; to providing support and facilitating
12 treatment to the child victim and the non-offending caregivers;
13 and to promoting prevention of child victimization through
14 community education; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 proclaim the week of April 22 through April 28, 2007 as
18 National Victims' Rights Week in the State of Illinois and
19 honor the DuPage County Children's Advocacy Center and those
20 programs across the State of Illinois working to reduce and
21 ultimately eliminate sexual abuse and serious physical abuse of
22 children; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the DuPage County Children's Advocacy Center as a
3 symbol of our respect.