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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Home Instead Senior Care and partners from various  
3 non-profit agencies and businesses that provide services to  
4 senior adults throughout the year combine their efforts every  
5 year for the "Be a Santa to a Senior" community service  
6 program; and

7           WHEREAS, The volunteers of the "Be a Santa to a Senior"  
8 program make a positive impact on their communities by  
9 providing much-needed holiday cheer and giving of gifts to  
10 those senior adults who are least likely to receive presents  
11 during the holiday season and for those who are lonely or have  
12 financial difficulties; and

13           WHEREAS, The "Be a Santa to a Senior" program and its  
14 volunteers donate their valuable time to eliminate the  
15 heartbreak of holiday isolation felt by senior adults in this  
16 State; nearly 28 percent of the 1,532,373 people over the age  
17 of 65 in Illinois live alone, with 441,869 total senior adults  
18 at risk of being lonely; these people can benefit from the  
19 generous outreach efforts of the "Be a Santa to a Senior"  
20 program; and

21           WHEREAS, Home Instead Senior Care and the partners involved  
22 with "Be a Santa to a Senior" share the belief that senior

1 adults should not be alone or forgotten during the holidays and  
2 that senior adults are instrumental in defining the communities  
3 we live in; and

4 WHEREAS, The participants in the "Be a Santa to a Senior"  
5 program intend to recognize and celebrate our senior adults and  
6 the invaluable contributions they continue to make to our  
7 cities, this State, and the world at large; and

8 WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Illinois recognize  
9 that our diverse population is committed to improving the  
10 well-being and serenity of our communities, as well as placing  
11 a greater focus on our lonely elders through the "Be a Santa to  
12 a Senior" program; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 congratulate and thank the members of the "Be a Santa to a  
16 Senior" program for its contributions to the senior adults of  
17 this State; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we designate the month of December 2008 as  
19 Be a Santa to a Senior Month in the State of Illinois in  
20 recognition of this wonderful program; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to a representative of the "Be a Santa to a Senior"  
2 program as a symbol of our esteem and respect.