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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, LifeSavers is a peer-support, suicide, and
3 crisis-prevention program developed to train young adults to be
4 caring listeners in their interactions with their peers; and

5 WHEREAS, The LifeSavers program trains selected students
6 from 9th through 12th grades to be skilled listeners who can
7 responsibly help other students deal with the emotional crises
8 of adolescence; over two thousand ninth through twelfth graders
9 from schools throughout Southern Illinois have participated in
10 annual three-day training retreats in which trainees gain a
11 better understanding of the teenage concerns which can lead to
12 a real crisis; the trainees also learn how to listen with
13 caring and respect to their troubled peers and how to recognize
14 symptoms of an impending crisis; and

15 WHEREAS, The LifeSavers program involves a team approach to
16 helping teenagers cope healthfully with the challenges of drugs
17 and alcohol, peer and family relationships, sexual issues,
18 violence, academic problems, death and grieving, aggression,
19 anxiety, and suicide; LifeSavers are also trained to recognize
20 when a peer's problem is beyond their abilities and to know
21 what resources are available to refer peers to for the
22 appropriate help; and

1 WHEREAS, LifeSavers is often the first line of defense for
2 high school communities, due to the utilization of the greatest
3 assets in helping young people - the young people themselves;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The LifeSavers program has been established in
6 many locations in Illinois, including Alton, Benton, Cahokia,
7 Carbondale (the program's original chapter), Carrier
8 Mills-Stonefort, Carterville, Chester, Egyptian, Eldorado,
9 Elverado, Galatia, Gallatin County, Herrin, Highland, Johnston
10 City, O'Fallon, Marion, Murphysboro, Mt. Vernon, Nashville,
11 Norris City-Omaha-Enfield, Pinckneyville, Sparta, Steeleville,
12 Trico, Waterloo, Wesclin, and West Frankfort; and

13 WHEREAS, The LifeSavers program has proven to be a vital
14 asset within the State of Illinois, providing crucial
15 assistance to those teenagers who most need a kind person to
16 listen to their problems and to help them when necessary;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 honor the members of the LifeSavers Training Corporation for
21 their work in helping the young adults of this State and wish
22 them continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Judy Ashby, Executive Director of the LifeSavers
3 Training Corporation, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.