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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Good Shepherd  
4 Center on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its founding;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, The Good Shepherd Center was founded in 1963, at a  
7 time when children with developmental disabilities were not  
8 provided with needed educational opportunities until the age of  
9 7; Louise Schweinfurth, a graduate of the first class at the  
10 prodigious Erickson Institute, founded the Good Shepherd  
11 Center to give children with developmental disabilities the  
12 extra support they needed early in life to insure better  
13 academic success in their future; the first location was a  
14 vacant classroom at Good Shepherd Church in Park Forest; and

15           WHEREAS, The Good Shepherd Center continued to take on more  
16 children and added services throughout the years; in 1968, the  
17 school received a grant from the State of Illinois to increase  
18 the number of children served and needed to move to find more  
19 space; it settled in the second floor of Flossmoor Community  
20 Church; in the 1970's, the school evolved into an Early  
21 Intervention Program that serves children aged birth to 3;  
22 programs such as the In-Home Respite Care program, to help give  
23 families time to themselves, and Lekotek, to aid in child

1 development through play, were added; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Good Shepherd Center expanded its  
3 mission to include serving children without development  
4 disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 2002, the Good Shepherd Center has added  
6 resources for families with Autism, training opportunities and  
7 support for day care center and home providers in south  
8 suburban Cook County, a Parent Institute Day event to provide  
9 information that targets topical issues regarding children  
10 with and without developmental disabilities, and pre-school  
11 classes; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2013, the Good Shepherd Center will celebrate  
13 the 50th anniversary of its founding and will initiate a new  
14 program to provide support for those who need help  
15 accomplishing daily tasks, such as bed making, dusting, and  
16 vacuuming; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate the Good Shepherd Center on the 50th  
20 anniversary of its founding and honor the Center's commitment  
21 to making a positive difference in the lives of those who have  
22 developmental disabilities and their families; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the Good Shepherd Center as an expression of our  
4 esteem and respect.