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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Countryside  
4 Association for People with Disabilities, Inc. on the occasion  
5 of its 60th anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, Countryside was conceived when several concerned  
7 parents of children with disabilities met to discuss what the  
8 future would bring for their children; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1953, to support their children's  
10 developmental and educational needs, the Goodmonson,  
11 Gusewelle, Hughes, Naggatz, Phelps, Smyth, Steinfeld, and  
12 Stelling families founded a special school tailored to the  
13 exceptional requirements of their children; and

14           WHEREAS, The school initially served 5 developmentally  
15 disabled children; and

16           WHEREAS, After operating for a short time in a home in Lake  
17 Zurich, the school moved to an 8 acre farm in Palatine  
18 purchased with a mortgage that the parents signed for  
19 personally; and

20           WHEREAS, Founder Goodmon "Bud" Goodmonson stated that the

1 purpose of starting the school was "for our children to be  
2 happy and content in their lives"; and

3 WHEREAS, The school incorporated as the Countryside  
4 Association for Retarded Children on March 17, 1954, and, over  
5 the next few decades, several programs were added, including  
6 Client and Family Support, Respite, and Supported Employment;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Countryside opened the Lakeside Work and Training  
9 Center in 1973 and purchased a 27,000 square-foot food store in  
10 1982; and

11 WHEREAS, The name was changed to Countryside Association  
12 For People With Disabilities, Inc. in 2004, and, over the next  
13 10 years, its services continued to expand; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2005, the Document Destruction Business  
15 debuted at Lakeside Center to offer jobs and career  
16 opportunities to persons with developmental disabilities; and

17 WHEREAS, School-to-Work Transition Services, a program  
18 designed to help high school age adults with developmental  
19 disabilities in learning about and preparing for the work  
20 world, and Golden Opportunities, a daily support services  
21 program for adults over 55 with developmental disabilities,

1 were initiated; and

2 WHEREAS, Both School-to-Work Transition Services and  
3 Golden Opportunities received national accreditation in 2011;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Countryside has earned 12 consecutive 3-year  
6 accreditations from the Commission of Rehabilitation  
7 Facilities since 1978; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2012, the Illinois Governor's Hometown Award  
9 was given to Countryside for the creation of a community  
10 volunteer program for persons with disabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2012, the Countryside Center building was  
12 expanded to add more production area, modified washrooms, a  
13 home for the seniors program, and program space for productive  
14 activities of all kinds; and

15 WHEREAS, Countryside's vision is to create a community  
16 where all people can reach their goals of independence,  
17 employment, and full participation in society; and

18 WHEREAS, Countryside plays a vital role in the community,  
19 advocating on behalf of persons with disabilities and their  
20 families and supporting them in their efforts to live and work

1 successfully in their chosen community; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we congratulate Countryside Association for People with  
5 Disabilities, Inc. as it celebrates the 60th anniversary of its  
6 founding; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Countryside Association for People with  
9 Disabilities, Inc. as a symbol of our esteem and respect.