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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the administration and
4 staff of The Courtyard on the occasion of the organization's
5 25th anniversary of supporting Wellness House; and

6 WHEREAS, The Courtyard was started in 1991 by eight women
7 whose lives were touched by cancer, to provide ongoing
8 financial support for the then one-year-old Wellness House; the
9 group provides Wellness House with monthly proceeds between
10 other fundraising efforts and serves as a community
11 representative of Wellness House and supporter of the
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, The Courtyard has generated more than \$4 million
14 in proceeds to Wellness House; volunteers from the Courtyard
15 have donated more than 100,000 hours, a value of \$2 million;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Courtyard is now supported by more than 60
18 volunteers, more than a dozen of whom come in on Mondays when
19 it is closed to help price and process new items and then
20 assist in staging the shop into the beautiful vignettes for
21 which they are known; more than 50 volunteers serve as customer
22 service and sales staff providing a customer-friendly and

1 caring shopping "experience" as well as serve as liaisons for
2 Wellness House providing information about Wellness House and
3 its programs; and

4 WHEREAS, Terri Barrett, Peggy Claffo, Anne Emmons, Cindy
5 Fick, Laura Mueller, Merry Newman, Genie Nowak, Sue Gelman,
6 Margaret Stocker, Marie Trader, Mary Ann Ryan, Monique Walters,
7 Sheila Botti, Nancy Keenan, and Kathy Ryan have been with The
8 Courtyard since its very first year; and

9 WHEREAS, The administration and staff of The Courtyard
10 serve as models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the
11 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate the administration and staff of The Courtyard on
15 the occasion of the organization's 25th anniversary of
16 supporting Wellness House and wish them continued success and
17 happiness in the future; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to The Courtyard as a symbol of our esteem and
20 respect.