

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the history of organizations in the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Beatrice Caffrey Youth Services, Inc. will be
6 celebrating its 50th year Anniversary on November 17, 2002 at
7 the DuSable Museum of African American History; the
8 organization will present its Service Award to Representative
9 Monique Davis as part of the Golden Anniversary celebration;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, For the past 50 years Beatrice Caffrey Youth
12 Services, Inc. has provided programs to delinquent urban
13 youth on the south side of Chicago; the organization,
14 originally known as the Women's Service Committees, was
15 founded by Mrs. Sadie Waterford Jones and headed by Dr.
16 Dorothy Sutton Branch; Mrs. Beatrice Caffrey, after whom the
17 agency was eventually named, was an active part of the
18 program recruitment and attendance during her years with the
19 Chicago Board of Education; and

20 WHEREAS, The agency's mission is "to enhance the
21 functioning of urban children and families by improving their
22 quality of life and moving them towards independence"; the
23 agency does this by offering programs and services that
24 encourage self-sufficiency of families and promote
25 risk-reduction activity for children and youth; and

26 WHEREAS, Beatrice Caffrey Youth Services, Inc. offers a
27 range of services to the community; the agency has
28 counseling, visual arts programs, adoption and foster care
29 services, independent living programs, teen parenting
30 programs, and placement stabilization programs; and

31 WHEREAS, Many of the programs offered by the organization

1 have had amazing results; every child involved in the
2 specialized care program has been placed in foster care, 75%
3 of those children have been adopted, and all foster parents
4 associated with this program have participated in training
5 designed to help them meet the physical and emotional needs
6 of these children; in the independent living program, 80%
7 those participating have remained stable in their apartment
8 living, 75% of them are employed, 85% have not required court
9 intervention and are managing their own fiscal
10 responsibilities, and 65-75% of the clients are actively
11 pursuing their high school diplomas; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we commend the Beatrice Caffrey Youth Services, Inc. for its
15 outstanding community service throughout the years; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Executive Director of Beatrice Caffrey Youth
19 Services, Inc.