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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Ronald McDonald House  
4 Charities on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and its  
5 profound impact on Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities' programs and  
7 services have addressed the essential needs of families with  
8 children who are ill or injured throughout the State of  
9 Illinois; and

10           WHEREAS, The first Ronald McDonald House opened in  
11 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 15, 1974, and the second  
12 Ronald McDonald House opened in Chicago in 1977; and

13           WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities has since grown  
14 into a global organization that is active in 62 countries and  
15 regions around the world with over 1,000 programs that provide  
16 millions of families with support each year; and

17           WHEREAS, Illinois is home to Ronald McDonald House  
18 Charities of Central Illinois and Ronald McDonald House  
19 Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana, which operate  
20 various houses, family rooms, care mobiles, and local programs  
21 throughout the State, including the communities of

1 Springfield, Peoria, Chicago, Hines, Oak Lawn, and Winfield;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities' programs and  
4 services assist in preserving families' finances, saving a  
5 total of \$736 million in lodging and meal expenses in 2023  
6 alone; and

7 WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities supports programs  
8 that directly improve the health and well-being of children  
9 and their families throughout the State of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, McDonald's and its owners, operators, and  
11 customers annually raise millions through initiatives that  
12 encourage donations to Ronald McDonald House Charities; and

13 WHEREAS, Donations to Ronald McDonald House Charities have  
14 provided more than 39,000 overnight stays for families who  
15 have children receiving medical care in Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities' Illinois-based  
17 programs continue to serve children and their families each  
18 year, providing support to nearly 15,400 children and families  
19 in 2023 alone; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we congratulate Ronald McDonald House Charities on its 50th  
3 anniversary, and we commend the organization for its  
4 commitment to Illinois families and children in their times of  
5 need; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we thank Ronald McDonald House Charities,  
7 its partners, its employees, and its volunteers for their  
8 dedication to providing a caring and compassionate environment  
9 where families can rest, find support, and heal together, and  
10 we wish the organization continued success in its mission; and  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the Ronald McDonald House Charities as a symbol  
14 of our esteem and respect.