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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center (Chakota-TRC), a community-based human service organization in Germantown, for providing therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, Chakota-TRC's mission is to provide individuals with disabilities opportunities for therapeutic interaction with horses to promote self-esteem, dignity, and emotional well-being; and

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WHEREAS, Through extensive studies in the medical field, therapeutic horseback riding has been proven to improve the quality of life, health, and well-being of people with disabilities; through therapeutic equine activities, riders learn horsemanship skills, which stimulate physical, mental, and emotional growth; and

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WHEREAS, Chakota-TRC's initial planning started as a meeting to gauge the community's interest in 2005; the program was created by a group of resolute individuals at LangMor Stables, property owned by Dave and Kay Langenhorst that became the home of the organization when its pilot program,

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1 consisting of four riders, began in 2008; and

2 WHEREAS, Chakota-TRC was incorporated in the State of
3 Illinois on June 18, 2007, achieving 501(c)(3) status after
4 several years of planning, training, and organizational
5 development in 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Chakota-TRC's 11-acre facility was purchased by
7 the Davis Charitable Foundation and leased to the organization
8 in 2012, and the site includes a covered riding arena, hay
9 storage, stabling for up to nine horses, a hay field, a
10 pasture, paddocks, and an outdoor arena, all fully accessible;
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12 WHEREAS, Chakota-TRC underwent a major change when Dave
13 Langenhorst retired as caretaker and moved off the property in
14 2022, and its facility is now managed by a full-time employee
15 who lives on-site; and

16 WHEREAS, Chakota-TRC, due to an overwhelming response and
17 interest, has grown from four riders to now accommodating 24
18 riders on a weekly schedule with a growing wait-list; and

19 WHEREAS, Chakota-TRC is supported by volunteers and
20 individuals from the community who care about the program and
21 graciously volunteer their time, expertise, and enthusiasm to

1 help maintain and grow the program; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we commend Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center (Chakota-TRC) for
5 its important work in providing therapeutic horseback riding
6 to children and adults with disabilities, and we wish the
7 organization continued success in advancing therapeutic
8 activities to improve the quality of life for individuals
9 living with disabilities; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the Chakota-TRC as an expression of our esteem
12 and respect.