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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Special Recreation
4 Association of Central Lake County (SRACLC) on the occasion of
5 its 50th anniversary of providing exceptional, community-based
6 therapeutic recreation services to individuals with
7 disabilities and their families; and

8 WHEREAS, SRACLC began its vital mission in 1976 with a
9 summer day camp designed to bridge the gap between school
10 years, with the association first being formed under the name
11 Northeastern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA)
12 before adapting its current name to avoid confusion with a
13 neighboring organization; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, SRACLC has grown into
15 a respected leader and an indispensable cooperative alliance,
16 supported faithfully by its member agencies, including the
17 Grayslake Community Park District, the Village of
18 Libertyville, the Village of Hawthorn Woods, the Village of
19 Lake Zurich, the Village of Lincolnshire, the Mundelein Park
20 and Recreation District, the Round Lake Area Park District,
21 and the Vernon Hills Park District; and

22 WHEREAS, SRACLC provides critical inclusion services at no

1 additional cost to families, ensuring equal opportunity for
2 all individuals to participate at their highest desired level
3 through staff training, program adaptations, and specialized
4 equipment; and

5 WHEREAS, SRCLC successfully operates nearly 500 weekly
6 programs, special events, and camps annually, touching lives
7 through enduring traditions, such as its flagship bowling
8 league and the cherished fall dance; and

9 WHEREAS, SRCLC has continually expanded its reach to meet
10 modern needs, including establishing the cutting-edge
11 SRCLC-Mitsubishi Electric Sensory Room: Illumi*Nation in 2019
12 to provide tailored multi-sensory experiences and creating the
13 We Serve program to promote positive living for veterans,
14 active military, and their families through therapeutic
15 recreation; and

16 WHEREAS, SRCLC empowers its participants to gain
17 independence, enhance social skills, and embrace wellness
18 through robust initiatives, including Crusaders Athletics,
19 competing in the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Section and
20 Special Olympics Illinois, the year-round active adult day
21 program, youth and teen programs, and comprehensive leisure
22 education partnerships with local school districts; and

1 WHEREAS, The steadfast commitment, vision, and
2 high-quality services provided by the staff, leadership, and
3 volunteers of the SRACLC have truly embodied their motto of
4 "Take Time for Fun!" and profoundly enhanced the quality of
5 life in Lake County; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the Special Recreation Association of Central
9 Lake County (SRACLC) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary,
10 commend the association for its outstanding legacy of service
11 to individuals with special needs and disabilities, and extend
12 our sincerest best wishes for its continued success; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to the executive director and the board of directors
16 of SRACLC as a symbol of our esteem and respect.