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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Project Compassion, NFP on the occasion of its 20-year anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2005, Project Compassion has provided vital support to more than 200,000 homeless, disadvantaged, and low-income men, women, and children through providing access to food, shelter, seasonal supplies, hygiene items, life skills workshops, self-esteem and character development initiatives, and vocational training programs; and

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WHEREAS, Project Compassion opened the Compassionate Resource Center in Belleville in 2011, an achievement that expanded the organization's capacity to serve the community through offering a free cafe, a laundry facility, and a therapy center focused on nonviolent trauma and trauma-informed care; and

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WHEREAS, During the 2020 pandemic, Project Compassion launched Meal Time, an emergency meal initiative that provided hot meals to 15,000 families and partnered with 15 community organizations and churches to feed more than 30,000 individuals across the region; and

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1 WHEREAS, Project Compassion was founded by Rachel Jackson,
2 who also established Empower-Me, the first self-esteem and
3 self-worth program in St. Clair County; through partnerships
4 with local school districts, the program inspires youth,
5 especially girls, to build inner confidence, character, and a
6 foundation for continued education; she has further extended
7 this mission as host of the Girlz On Purpose Tour, empowering
8 young women to lead with purpose and passion; and

9 WHEREAS, Project Compassion has received numerous local
10 and national honors in recognition of the organization's
11 service and impact, including the Barack Obama Silver
12 Presidential Award for Community Service and a proclamation
13 from the Mayor of Belleville in 2014 officially designating
14 October 29th as Compassion Day; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
17 Project Compassion, NFP on achieving 20 years of providing
18 unrelenting dedication and love to those in the community who
19 need it most, and we wish the organization many more years of
20 continued success; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Project Compassion as an expression of our esteem
23 and respect.