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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs of America is a national organization of local chapters which provide after-school programs for young people; and

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WHEREAS, The first Boys' Club was founded in 1860 in Hartford, Connecticut by three women, Elizabeth Hamersley, Mary Goodwin, and Alice Goodwin, who believed that boys who roamed the streets should have a positive alternative focusing on character development; and

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WHEREAS, In 1906, 53 independent Boys' Clubs came together in Boston to form a national organization; the organization changed its name in 1990 to Boys and Girls Clubs of America to recognize the fact that girls are a part of the cause; and

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WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs of America has grown to include over 4,000 autonomous clubs in all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and U.S. military bases; together, these local clubs serve four million boys and girls each year, and the organization employs over 50,000 staff members; and

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WHEREAS, One of those local clubs, the Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County, was formed in January of 2018 when the

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1 separate clubs in Pontiac and Fairbury joined forces, giving
2 members the opportunity to attend club functions in both
3 locations; and

4 WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County seeks
5 to enable all young people, especially those in great need, to
6 reach their potential as productive, caring, and responsible
7 citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Club of Livingston County
9 accomplishes this through after-school programs featuring
10 sports, games, volunteer opportunities, goal setting, and
11 leadership training, all under the care of trained staff
12 members; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we commend the positive work being done by the Boys and Girls
16 Club of Livingston County, as well as the national
17 organization, and we join them in celebrating national Boys and
18 Girls Club Week, April 8-12; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the director of the Boys and Girls Club of
21 Livingston County as a symbol of our respect and esteem.