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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend the many local businesses that donated their time, money, and support to O'Fallon Fraternal Order of the Police Lodge 198 in order to bestow a custom-designed, 14-passenger bus to the Parent Teacher Organization for Exceptional Children; and

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WHEREAS, The Parent Teacher Organization for Exceptional Children (PTOEC) was founded by parents, teachers, and community members to offer individuals with intellectual disabilities a united opportunity to socialize and participate in individual and team sports; and

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WHEREAS, The PTOEC was in dire need of a new vehicle due to its prior transportation being in poor working condition and not wheelchair accessible; and

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WHEREAS, When O'Fallon Fraternal Order of the Police (FOP) Lodge 198 discovered that the PTOEC could not afford new transportation, the order enlisted the help of several local businesses to help raise the money and provide the labor necessary to work on fine-tuning a new bus; and

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WHEREAS, O'Fallon FOP Lodge 198 received overwhelming

1 support from local businesses to make a \$25,000 donation, the  
2 largest the order has ever made as an organization, to the  
3 PTOEC; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Ford of South Beach Motors in Pontoon Beach  
5 helped locate and purchase a bus at auction; he then drove to  
6 Nebraska to pick up the bus and drove it back; and

7 WHEREAS, Moreland Auto Body of Lebanon donated its time  
8 for repairs to make the bus look new again; and

9 WHEREAS, Tactical Towing & Recovery Inc. of Belleville  
10 towed the bus, at no charge, to Mission Accomplished Tire and  
11 Auto in Belleville, who in turn made the bus roadworthy and  
12 donated both tune up and maintenance packages for bus upkeep  
13 at no cost; and

14 WHEREAS, Southern Bus & Mobility of Breese serviced the  
15 vehicle's wheelchair lift, replaced the roof, and installed  
16 additional seats to ensure it was safe for all passengers at no  
17 cost; and

18 WHEREAS, United Ink of Belleville donated time and labor  
19 to design and install a new vinyl wrap on the bus; and

20 WHEREAS, Romano's License Service in O'Fallon donated the

1 registration fees and document filing necessary to make the  
2 bus street legal; and

3 WHEREAS, On September 15, 2023, O'Fallon FOP Lodge 198  
4 surprised the athletes of PTOEC at their monthly fun night by  
5 gifting them their new custom-designed, 14-passenger bus; and

6 WHEREAS, The PTOEC's new bus will allow the organization  
7 to better support its athletes by getting them to Special  
8 Olympics events, whether local or further away, safely;  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we commend the many local businesses that donated their time,  
13 money, and support to O'Fallon Fraternal Order of the Police  
14 (FOP) Lodge 198 in order to bestow a custom-designed,  
15 14-passenger bus to the Parent Teacher Organization for  
16 Exceptional Children (PTOEC); and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 delivered to O'Fallon FOP Lodge 198, South Beach Motors,  
19 Moreland Auto Body, Tactical Towing & Recovery Inc., Mission  
20 Accomplished Tire and Auto, Southern Bus & Mobility, United  
21 Ink, and Romano's License Service as a symbol of our esteem and  
22 respect.