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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Youth Crossroads, Inc. on the 50th anniversary of
4 its founding; and

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WHEREAS, In 1971, a concerned group of community
6 organizers in Berwyn received state funds to create a
7 three-year project known as the Youth in Crisis Project, which
8 provided crisis intervention for homeless youth, drug abuse
9 counseling, and support services for underserved teens in the
10 west suburban area; and

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WHEREAS, In 1974, organizers from the Youth in Crisis
12 Project incorporated as an independent non-profit charitable
13 organization known as West Suburban Youth Outreach, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, In 1975, the name was changed to Youth In Crisis,
15 Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, By 1978, the agency moved into its own facility
17 in a residential Berwyn neighborhood, and over the next three
18 decades, the agency continued to evolve and expand services
19 that would reach more and more young people in trouble with
20 police, involved with gangs, or experiencing problems at home,
21 in school, or in the community; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the next three decades, Youth in Crisis,
2 Inc. services expanded to help teens involved with the police,
3 street-gangs, and school truancy; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2007, the agency changed its name to Youth
5 Crossroads, Inc. to better reflect the evolution of services
6 aimed towards the prevention of problems rather than only
7 reacting to problems that had reached crisis stage; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2008, Youth Crossroads, Inc. formed the Youth
9 Leadership Program to focus on local teens; and

10 WHEREAS, Soon after, in 2009, Youth Crossroads, Inc.
11 created its Community School Initiative and After-School
12 Programs for middle school students; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2012, Youth Crossroads, Inc. began providing
14 school-based counseling services to better serve youth; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2022, Youth Crossroads, Inc. relaunched
16 community-based services to reach youth outside of school
17 districts; the agency created a workforce development program
18 designed to give high school students and young adults the
19 introductory training they need to get good paying jobs and
20 develop meaningful careers and began a violence prevention

1 program to address gun violence in the community; and

2 WHEREAS, Since its creation, Youth Crossroads, Inc. has
3 served tens of thousands of youth and their families from
4 Berwyn, Cicero, Stickney, and neighboring towns and has
5 partnered with more than 100 community organizations to create
6 a network of referral sources to address the complex issues
7 confronting youth and families; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, Youth Crossroads, Inc. offers community
9 youth opportunities to heal, grow, lead, and thrive;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Youth
13 Crossroads, Inc. on its 50th anniversary and for providing
14 culturally competent and free services to at-risk youth; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Youth Crossroads, Inc. as a symbol of our respect
18 and esteem.