



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Illinois has
3 always been concerned for the welfare of children, especially
4 those who have no one to care for them; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1863, the General Assembly incorporated the
6 Springfield Home for the Friendless in an effort to aid orphan
7 children and widows left homeless by the Civil War; and

8 WHEREAS, This invaluable charitable undertaking has served
9 for over one hundred and forty years and continues to serve the
10 community at the same location as the Family Service Center of
11 Sangamon County; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, the not-for-profit group still offers a
13 helping hand to families in need through counseling services,
14 adoption assistance, post-adoption service, foster care, and
15 many other family-based outreaches; and

16 WHEREAS, In the original legislation approved February 12,
17 1863, the General Assembly appointed the following officers:
18 Samuel H. Treat, President; George Pasfield, Sr., Vice
19 President; George Bowen, Secretary; Jacob Bunn, Treasurer;
20 Eliza Pope, Mercy Conklin, Louisa Dresser, Susan Cook, Lydia
21 Williams, Elizabeth Bunn, Harriet Campbell, Ann Eastman, Maria
22 Lathrop, Mary Hay, Catherine Hickox, Mary Ann Dennis, and
23 Elizabeth Matheny, Board of Managers; and

24 WHEREAS, The long tradition of service continues under its
25 current officers: Deborah Raupp, President; Danielle Outlaw,
26 First Vice-President; Karola Beahringer, Second
27 Vice-President; Carolyn York, Secretary; Jim Hagerman,
28 Treasurer; Deb Woods, Immediate Past President; Shelby
29 Alfonsi, Kevin Linder, Subhash Chaudhary, Janice Scharamm, and
30 Thomas Wilson, Board of Directors; and Josie Rocco, Executive

1 Director; and

2 WHEREAS, The Family Service Center was inducted into the
3 Illinois State Historical Society's Centennial Awards in 2001
4 and has most recently been recognized by the City of
5 Springfield for continuously serving the community for one
6 hundred years or more; and

7 WHEREAS, The Family Service Center and its predecessors
8 received funding from membership dues, gifts, and
9 contributions from the community chest; today, financial
10 support is generated from service fees, the United Way,
11 governmental grants and contracts, and fundraising; with the
12 establishment of the Family Service Center Endowment Fund
13 through the Sangamon County Community Foundation, an
14 additional promising destination has been created to insure the
15 long-term viability of the Springfield community's oldest
16 social service agency; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 the Family Service Center of Sangamon County, originally
20 incorporated by the General Assembly as the Springfield Home
21 for the Friendless, and its officers be recognized for their
22 dedication and service; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to the Board of Directors of the Family Service
25 Center at its upcoming donor recognition reception at the
26 Pasfield House on February 3, 2005, as an expression of our
27 esteem.