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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to Mary Alice D'Arcy on 25 years of service with Easter Seals DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, Mary Alice is a Chicago native whose family moved to Villa Park when she was 13; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from Loyola Chicago with an MSW, she was employed as a social worker in Wheaton public schools and then transitioned to work with low-income housing in DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Mary Alice began her career in social services with Easter Seals DuPage; and

WHEREAS, From 1983 to 1985, she served as program director and in 1995, she was named the chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, Today Mary Alice serves as President and CEO of Easter Seals DuPage; and

WHEREAS, Easter Seals DuPage provides therapy for children and young adults with physical disabilities through physical, occupational, speech, audiology, nutrition, and assertive technology therapy; and

WHEREAS, Easter Seals DuPage serves children with a range of diagnoses, including cerebral palsy and autism; and

WHEREAS, When Mary Alice started her career with Easter Seals DuPage, families were served from a little red school house in Villa Park with a staff of 15 and a \$500,000 budget; and

1 WHEREAS, Now, thanks to her leadership, Easter Seals DuPage
2 is the largest pediatric outpatient rehabilitation center in
3 Illinois, with services in Villa Park, Bolingbrook,
4 Naperville, and Elgin; and

5 WHEREAS, Today Easter Seals DuPage employs 130
6 professionals, has a fiscal budget of \$7.5 million, and
7 provides services to approximately 3,000 children each year;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mary Alice has created an environment that
10 nourishes clients and staff; and

11 WHEREAS, She continues to listen to and work with our
12 communities to discover the needs of families and works with
13 the therapy professionals to put plans into action to meet
14 those needs; and

15 WHEREAS, Children reach their maximum potential in large
16 part due to the specialized treatment children of various
17 developmental abilities received at the Easter Seals DuPage;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mary Alice's commitment to Easter Seals DuPage and
20 children with disabilities is a source of inspiration to the
21 entire community and State; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we do hereby offer our congratulations to Mary Alice D'Arcy;
25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to the Mary Alice D'Arcy.