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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate and thank the founder and employees of A Place for Me for their work in helping families and children affected by autism; and

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WHEREAS, A Place for Me is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation founded by Elaine Reeves-Haywood in June of 2002; in creating A Place for Me, she sought to establish an organization that committed to providing services and support to families and children affected by autism; and

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WHEREAS, The founder and employees of A Place for Me work diligently to fulfill the organization's mission; among its mission goals are providing support for ongoing parent/child issues, voicing concerns for autism related issues, serving as a community resource, providing training and support on various autism-related topics, providing educational assistance to regular and special education students, helping to make and use appropriate visual support to enhance the learning styles of students, helping others to use social stories and role playing to teaching social concepts, helping to educating parents of the laws and their rights regarding autism, and providing social and recreational opportunities; and

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1 WHEREAS, A Place for Me has put forth great efforts in
2 raising the awareness of autism in the community; the
3 organization has conducted numerous education workshops, IEP
4 support sessions, and individual parent training sessions with
5 visual aids; the organization has also presented numerous
6 workshops and sponsored several family outings to promote
7 autism awareness, widen inclusion and social interaction of
8 autistic children, and create environments where autistic
9 children can feel comfortable; and

10 WHEREAS, The great work done by A Place for Me on the
11 behalf of autistic children throughout the State is worthy of
12 the greatest respect; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate the founder and employees of A Place for Me for
16 their work in helping families and children affected by autism
17 and wish them continued success and happiness in the future;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Elaine Reeves-Haywood as a symbol of our esteem
21 and respect.