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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Tammy Iskarous on her accomplishments as executive director at Riverbend Family Ministries; and

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WHEREAS, Tammy Iskarous had a vision to serve families in the Riverbend area who were affected by crisis from violence, homelessness, addiction or poverty; she opened Riverbend Family Ministries (RFM) in Woodriver on August 7, 2007; she helped link people to substance abuse treatment, housing, medical help, and rental assistance; in its first year, RFM served 51 families; and

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WHEREAS, Tammy Iskarous worked tirelessly to implement a grassroots program called Refuge, which provides free trauma counseling for children exposed to abuse, neglect, and other forms of adverse trauma; RFM also teaches anger management and parenting classes; and

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WHEREAS, Today, RFM provides services to everyone living in Madison County; in 2016, more than 1,700 local families were helped; currently, the mid-year report shows more than 950 families have received help; and

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1 WHEREAS, Tammy Iskarous volunteers the equivalent of a
2 full-time work schedule; she works without pay and has faith
3 and hope for everyone with whom she comes in contact; and

4 WHEREAS, Tammy Iskarous is active in her church; she hosts
5 small groups at her home and serves the local community; her
6 positive attitude and her love for her family and community are
7 contagious; everyone who meets Tammy leaves her presence
8 wanting to be a better person; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 recognize Tammy Iskarous and her dedication to helping those in
12 crisis; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Tammy Iskarous as a symbol of our respect and
15 esteem.