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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Mickey Whitesell of  
4 Elwood on being recognized as the 2025 National Direct Support  
5 Professional of the Year by the American Network of Community  
6 Options and Resources (ANCOR); and

7 WHEREAS, ANCOR is a national advocacy organization with  
8 over 2,500 members that serves as a leading voice in  
9 Washington, D.C. on behalf of community-based  
10 intellectual/developmental disabilities service providers;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Since June 2020, Mickey Whitesell has worked at  
13 Trinity Services, Inc., a not-for-profit service provider  
14 originally founded in 1950 and currently based in New Lenox  
15 that serves and supports more than 5,800 children and adults  
16 with intellectual/developmental disabilities or mental health  
17 needs throughout Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, Mickey Whitesell serves under Trinity Services,  
19 Inc.'s Community Day Services program, also known as Studio  
20 22; through the program, he leads in helping adults with  
21 developmental disabilities develop healthy relationships in  
22 the community and engage in unique experiences to advance

1 their personal support plans; he also educates and advocates  
2 to the community about disability issues and the direct  
3 support professional position; and

4 WHEREAS, Mickey Whitesell, in being named the 2025  
5 National Direct Support Professional of the Year, was selected  
6 out of over 500 nominations received by ANCOR; and

7 WHEREAS, Mickey Whitesell was recognized alongside 53  
8 other honorees from all across the country during the annual  
9 conference, ANCOR Connect, which was held in San Diego,  
10 California from April 7 through April 9, 2025; therefore, be  
11 it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Mickey Whitesell on receiving the prestigious  
15 recognition of being named the 2025 National Direct Support  
16 Professional of the Year by the American Network of Community  
17 Options and Resources (ANCOR), and we thank him for dedicating  
18 his career to the service of others; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Mickey Whitesell as an expression of our esteem  
21 and respect.