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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Lincoln Park Community
4 Services (LPCS) in Chicago on the occasion of its 40th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, LPCS was founded in the Lincoln Park neighborhood
7 of Chicago when a handful of community members gathered to
8 offer support to their neighbors facing homelessness in 1985;
9 for years, the organization operated through and offered
10 shelter within four community churches, Saint Clement Church,
11 Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, Church of Our Savior, and
12 St. Pauls United Church of Christ (UCC), before establishing a
13 location of its own; and

14 WHEREAS, LPCS has grown from a seasonal overnight shelter
15 to a year-round, multi-site operation housing 120 individuals
16 facing homelessness each night while still working alongside
17 the four community churches from which it originated, as these
18 churches continue to provide integral community support and
19 engage regularly in the organization's mission; and

20 WHEREAS, LPCS bases its mission on bringing communities
21 together to empower individuals facing homelessness and
22 poverty to secure stable housing and make sustainable life

1 changes, and the organization strives to adhere to its values
2 of empathy, equity, integrity, and accountability; and

3 WHEREAS, LPCS offers five core programs to individuals
4 facing homelessness and poverty, Interim Housing, Independent
5 Community Living, Drop-In Services, Street Outreach, and
6 Graduate Community & Support; and

7 WHEREAS, LPCS's Interim Housing Program features two
8 interim housing facilities, or shelters, that provide 24-hour
9 residence, safety, and support to 83 guests experiencing
10 homelessness each day, with case managers offering
11 individualized support and goal-setting support using the
12 organization's "On Track" method in three tracks, addiction
13 recovery, mental and physical health, and employment and
14 education; annually, the organization serves 250 individuals
15 through interim housing; and

16 WHEREAS, LPCS's Independent Community Living Program
17 (ICLP) facilitates permanent supportive housing for 17
18 individuals living with disabilities; additionally, the
19 organization houses and supports 20 individuals through
20 project-based units at its Sedgwick Old Town location, and it
21 serves 37 individuals annually through permanent supportive
22 and affordable housing, several of whom are graduates of its
23 interim housing community; and

1 WHEREAS, LPCS's Drop-In Services Program offers a range of
2 daily drop-in, supportive services tailored for individuals
3 currently facing street-based homelessness, and these services
4 include access to showers, laundry facilities, clothing,
5 toiletries, meals, referrals, and case management; through
6 these drop-in services, the organization annually assists over
7 200 individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, LPCS's Street Outreach Program operates in
9 partnership with the City of Chicago to offer support to
10 individuals experiencing homelessness on the streets, and its
11 Street Outreach team is committed to engaging with people in
12 encampments, parks, and various community spaces not meant for
13 habitation; the organization's goal is to provide essential
14 services such as food and clothing while also facilitating
15 access to critical resources, including case management,
16 benefits, and housing; and

17 WHEREAS, LPCS's Graduate Community & Support Program
18 provides ongoing support to former interim housing guests,
19 including case management and access to the pantry and closet,
20 in order to ensure continued success into independent housing,
21 and at least one representative from the graduate community
22 serves on the organization's board of directors; annually, the
23 organization serves approximately 80 graduates; therefore, be

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2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Lincoln Park Community Services (LPCS) on
5 achieving its 40th anniversary, and we thank LPCS for its
6 continued dedication to serving its community; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Lincoln Park Community Services as an expression
10 of our esteem and respect.