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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

7 WHEREAS, Andrea Smith of Carbondale has worked at ResCare
8 Community Living since 2017 as a direct support professional
9 (DSP); DSPs work directly with children and adults with
10 intellectual or developmental disabilities to assist them in
11 residing, working, and recreating in communities of their
12 choice; and

13 WHEREAS, For over 40 years, ResCare Community Living has
14 provided community living services that help individuals with
15 intellectual and developmental disabilities enjoy greater
16 quality of life in their own home or in home-like
17 environments, providing more than 100 million hours of service
18 for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
19 each year, including 250,000 medications administered each day
20 in approximately 2,000 residential homes across the country
21 for a behaviorally complex population with multiple chronic
22 conditions and co-morbidities; and

1 WHEREAS, The American Network of Community Options and
2 Resources (ANCOR) is a national advocacy organization with
3 over 2,500 members that serves as a leading voice in
4 Washington, D.C. on behalf of community-based
5 intellectual/developmental disabilities service providers;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 2025, ANCOR received over 500 nominations for
8 its annual National Direct Support Professional of the Year;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, During ANCOR's annual conference held from April
11 7 through April 9, 2025 in San Diego California, Andrea Smith
12 was recognized alongside 53 other honorees from states all
13 across the country; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Andrea Smith on being recognized as the
17 American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)
18 2025 Illinois Direct Support Professional of the Year; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Andrea Smith as an expression of our esteem and
22 respect.