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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Youth Advocate Programs,
4 Inc. (YAP) on the occasion of its 50-year anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded on November 3, 1975, YAP was created with
6 a bold mission to provide community-based alternatives to
7 institutional care for young people and families, transforming
8 lives and empowering communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, YAP has become a global
10 leader in innovative and effective advocacy, serving youth and
11 families in urban, suburban, rural, and exurban communities by
12 providing individualized, strength-based services that keep
13 families together; and

14 WHEREAS, YAP's unique, evidence-based model includes a
15 commitment to a "no eject, no reject" policy, ensuring that
16 every young person and family receives the support they need
17 without exclusion; and

18 WHEREAS, YAP's work has successfully reduced reliance on
19 out-of-home placements, including detention centers,
20 residential treatment facilities, and correctional placements,
21 offering cost-effective solutions that prioritize the

1 well-being of youth, families, and communities; and

2 WHEREAS, YAP's holistic approach to youth and family
3 advocacy has fostered resilience, created economic
4 opportunities through workforce development, and built safer,
5 stronger communities across the nation and around the world;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The year 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of YAP's
8 impactful service, celebrating decades of advancing equity,
9 justice, and positive outcomes for countless individuals;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) on
14 achieving its 50th anniversary while continually making
15 extraordinary contributions to our communities, and we commend
16 the organization's unwavering commitment to justice and
17 opportunity and its ongoing efforts to create a more equitable
18 and compassionate society; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
20 YAP as a symbol of our esteem and respect.