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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend EMMAUS for its efforts to end  
4 human trafficking and its support of male victims; and

5 WHEREAS, EMMAUS is a Christian, non-profit organization  
6 committed to ending human trafficking and sexual exploitation,  
7 with the unique and vital focus on supporting male-identifying  
8 victims and survivors; and

9 WHEREAS, EMMAUS provides critical outreach, advocacy, and  
10 restorative services to men and boys who are often overlooked  
11 in the broader anti-trafficking movement, despite comprising  
12 over one-third of those exploited in the sex trade; and

13 WHEREAS, Fewer than 2% of anti-trafficking organizations  
14 in the United States offer programs specifically for male  
15 survivors, making EMMAUS a rare and essential voice for this  
16 underserved population; and

17 WHEREAS, EMMAUS operates with a mission to support male  
18 survivors through their journey out of the sex trade and into  
19 freedom, guided by values that include affirming human  
20 dignity, empowering survivors, building inclusive communities,  
21 and practicing transparency and perseverance; and

1 WHEREAS, EMMAUS' work is rooted in compassion, faith, and  
2 a commitment to justice, offering trauma-informed care, street  
3 outreach, and long-term support to help survivors rebuild  
4 their lives; and

5 WHEREAS, EMMAUS has demonstrated a long-standing  
6 commitment to this cause, with over 35 years of service and a  
7 growing impact in the Chicago area and beyond; therefore, be  
8 it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we commend EMMAUS for its unwavering dedication to ending  
12 human trafficking and for supporting male survivors of  
13 exploitation; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we commend EMMAUS for working toward its  
15 mission to validate the worth of every individual, reject  
16 stigma, and create a world where all survivors, regardless of  
17 gender, can find healing, hope, and a path to wholeness; and be  
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 delivered to EMMAUS as a symbol of our esteem and respect.