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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend the establishment of the  
4 Serenity Garden, located beside Duane Dean Behavioral Health  
5 Center in Kankakee, highlighting the profound connection  
6 between community well-being, environmental stewardship, and  
7 long-term social health; and

8           WHEREAS, Access to intentional green spaces has been shown  
9 to support social-emotional wellness, trauma recovery,  
10 reflection, resilience, and overall mental and behavioral  
11 health for individuals, families, and communities; and

12           WHEREAS, Ecological stewardship is inseparable from human  
13 flourishing, and the protection of living systems reflects a  
14 shared responsibility to future generations of Illinois  
15 residents; and

16           WHEREAS, Pollinator conservation, specifically the  
17 protection and restoration of habitats for bees and monarch  
18 butterflies, is essential to ecosystem stability,  
19 biodiversity, food security, and environmental sustainability  
20 throughout the State of Illinois; and

21           WHEREAS, The Serenity Garden has been intentionally

1 conceived as a living, restorative space that integrates  
2 social-emotional wellness, environmental education, and  
3 ecological design through native and pollinator-supportive  
4 plantings; and

5 WHEREAS, The Serenity Garden serves as both a functional  
6 and symbolic environment, inviting reflection, healing,  
7 learning, and stewardship while reinforcing the  
8 interdependence between human health and environmental care;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Serenity Garden has been designated as the  
11 marquee legacy project of President and Chief Executive  
12 Officer (CEO) Eddy Borrayo under the long-term institutional  
13 vision known as W.H.Y. We Build-2030 (Will, Hope, and  
14 Yearning), a framework dedicated to building systems that  
15 endure, strengthen communities, and serve generations yet to  
16 come; and

17 WHEREAS, This vision has been stewarded and advanced  
18 through the leadership and collaboration of President and CEO  
19 Eddy Borrayo, Director of Community Engagement & Impact Ximena  
20 Siguenza Cabrera, Chief Communications & Engagement Officer  
21 Raul Tinoco, and the Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center Board  
22 of Directors, together with the health center's affiliate  
23 partners, Rincon Family Services, The Center: Resources for

1 Teaching & Learning, and the Helen Wheeler Center, whose  
2 collective work reflects a shared commitment to service,  
3 integrity, and community impact; and

4 WHEREAS, The Serenity Garden exemplifies how local  
5 initiatives, rooted in care, collaboration, and stewardship,  
6 can advance statewide priorities related to mental health,  
7 environmental responsibility, and community resilience;  
8 therefore, be 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 the establishment of the Serenity Garden, located  
12 beside Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center in Kankakee, as an  
13 exemplary initiative advancing social-emotional wellness by  
14 providing a restorative environment that supports healing,  
15 reflection, mindfulness, and emotional balance, ecological  
16 stewardship through sustainable land care, environmental  
17 education, and responsible design, and pollinator  
18 conservation, with a specific commitment to supporting  
19 habitats for bees and monarch butterflies that vital to  
20 Illinois' ecosystems and agricultural future; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
23 presented to President and CEO Eddy Borrayo, Director of

1 Community Engagement & Impact Ximena Siguenza Cabrera, Chief  
2 Communications & Engagement Officer Raul Tinoco, and the Duane  
3 Dean Behavioral Health Center Board of Directors and its  
4 affiliate partners, Rincon Family Services, The Center:  
5 Resources for Teaching & Learning, and the Helen Wheeler  
6 Center, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.