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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On June 22, 1999, in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, the United States Supreme Court held that the unjustified segregation of persons with disabilities constitutes discrimination in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

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WHEREAS, The *Olmstead* ruling held that a person with a disability has the right to receive State-funded services and supports in the community rather than in an institution when the person's treatment professionals determine that the person is appropriate for community-based services, the person is not opposed to community-based services, and the provision of community-based services to the individual is a reasonable accommodation and not a fundamental alteration of the State's services; and

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WHEREAS, In 2011, the State of Illinois entered into a consent decree in settlement of the *Ligas* class action lawsuit that was based upon the *Olmstead* decision and filed on behalf of a class of persons with developmental disabilities who were residing in private, State-funded facilities of nine or more persons or who were at risk of being placed in such facilities; and

1 WHEREAS, Illinois ranks 47th out of 50 states in annual
2 spending for community-based services and supports; and

3 WHEREAS, Illinois has the second highest number of persons
4 with intellectual or developmental disabilities living in
5 institutions, exceeded only by Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, Almost 20,000 persons with intellectual or
7 developmental disabilities are on the waiting list for
8 developmental disabilities services in Illinois, including
9 almost 7,500 who want services immediately; and

10 WHEREAS, The Going Home Coalition is a statewide Illinois
11 network of self-advocates, family members, educators,
12 advocates, and community leaders who support person-centered
13 and responsive programs and systems that ensure persons with
14 disabilities in Illinois the opportunity to live full and
15 dignified lives in their own homes with full integration into
16 their communities; and

17 WHEREAS, The Going Home Coalition commemorates the 20th
18 anniversary of the Olmstead decision on June 22, 2019; and

19 WHEREAS, Twenty years after Olmstead, the State of Illinois
20 continues to isolate and segregate persons with intellectual or
21 developmental disabilities to a higher degree than most other

1 states; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we declare June 22, 2019 as Olmstead 20th Anniversary Day in
5 the State of Illinois, and we urge the citizens of Illinois to
6 recognize that day and be aware of its significance to persons
7 with disabilities in Illinois; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Going Home Coalition as a symbol of our
10 respect and esteem.