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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On April 24, 1979, Pillars Community Health (then  
3 the Des Plaines Valley Community Center) opened its first  
4 domestic violence shelter, the Constance Morris House, to  
5 provide shelter for four to five women and children in the  
6 western suburbs of Chicago; and

7           WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health later moved the shelter  
8 to be able to accommodate 20 domestic violence survivors,  
9 including women and children, and to provide assistance for  
10 others in the community, such as men and transgender  
11 individuals; and

12           WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health has expanded its  
13 domestic violence services to include a confidential 24-hour  
14 hotline, crisis intervention, individual and group counseling,  
15 family counseling with the non-offending parent, legal and  
16 medical advocacy, community education and prevention, a police  
17 response collaboration, and links to ongoing support services,  
18 such as emergency financial assistance and housing programs,  
19 all at no cost; and

20           WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health employs 31 staff in  
21 domestic violence services and relies on approximately 20  
22 direct service volunteers who assist at the shelter and answer

1 hotline calls, as well as numerous community groups who offer  
2 support through service projects and donated meals and items;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health believes everyone has a  
5 right to be safe in their own bodies, in their homes, and  
6 within the larger community and gives a voice to survivors of  
7 domestic and sexual violence that affirms their value in the  
8 world; and

9 WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health believes healthy  
10 relationships and human rights are critical to the overall  
11 well-being of a community and works to challenge and change  
12 attitudes about domestic and sexual violence in an effort to  
13 build stronger, healthier communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health's vision is to help all  
15 people access the care they need, when they need it; therefore,  
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate Pillars Community Health on the 40th  
20 anniversary of the founding of the Constance Morris House and  
21 commend them for the positive contributions that they have made  
22 to their community; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Pillars Community Health as a symbol of our  
3 respect and esteem.