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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives wishes to commend the City of Joliet and the City of Joliet Fire Department for their partnership with the mental health provider Thriveworks; and

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WHEREAS, Thriveworks, founded by AJ Centore, Ph.D. in 2008, is a leading mental health provider that helps people live happy and successful lives by making high-quality counseling and psychiatry services accessible and affordable; and

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WHEREAS, Thriveworks offers licensed clinicians who are in-network with major insurance plans and provides in-person and online care for depression, anxiety, trauma, stress, relationship issues, and more; and

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WHEREAS, The partnership between the City of Joliet and Thriveworks followed the successful implementation of city-provided, Thriveworks-facilitated mental health services for first responders and educators in early 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Thriveworks opened its first clinic in Joliet on July 12, 2022, which coincided with the launch of a landmark mental health program funded by the City of Joliet and

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1 included a \$400,000 pledge from the city to fund mental health
2 services through Thriveworks and Silver Cross Hospital for the
3 city's underinsured and uninsured, including low-income and
4 unhoused residents; and

5 WHEREAS, Thriveworks' mental health services are
6 accessible to uninsured residents through a voucher dispatched
7 by the City of Joliet Fire Department, while residents with
8 insurance can have any out-of-pocket expenses covered; and

9 WHEREAS, Thriveworks in Joliet includes TherapyLand, a
10 unique pediatric behavioral health center equipped with the
11 best resources to foster child development and mental health
12 counseling, including designated areas for home/kitchen play,
13 dress up, and sandbox play and offers children the chance to
14 utilize blocks, puppets, nurturing toys, art supplies, and
15 more; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the City of Joliet Fire Department,
17 since the implementation of Thriveworks, emergency calls
18 related to mental health crises have decreased as well as the
19 overcall costs of emergency response; and

20 WHEREAS, Thriveworks continues to make an impact in the
21 region, having been adopted by Joliet Township and Plainfield,
22 with the Townships of Wheatland and Lockport working to adopt

1 the program in the future; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we commend the City of Joliet and the City of Joliet Fire
5 Department for their partnership with Thriveworks to provide
6 mental health services to the residents of Joliet; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to the City of Joliet, the City of Joliet Fire
10 Department, and Thriveworks as a symbol of our esteem and
11 respect.