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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Paulie Eberhart of Plainfield, an 8-year-old
3 youngster who attends the Easter Seals Therapeutic Day School
4 in Tinley Park, has been selected as the 2004-2005 child
5 ambassador for Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, The Easter Seals Therapeutic Day School (school),
7 founded in 1999, serves children with autism who need
8 additional services and therapies to succeed at school; as
9 child ambassador, Paulie puts a real face on the people the
10 school serves and helps people understand why what the school
11 does is so important; and

12 WHEREAS, Paulie has made appearances at several events,
13 including an Easter Seals golf outing and holiday gala; and

14 WHEREAS, The school works with students from 35 different
15 school districts; each student works from a basic curriculum
16 set by his or her school district and additional services are
17 offered based on each child's needs; the school has 64 separate
18 curricula and assists students up to the age of 21; the
19 school's state-of-the-art sensory room gives students a place
20 where they can control their environment; and

21 WHEREAS, Sixty-four students attend classes at the school,
22 which operates year round and offers speech, behavior,
23 vocational, and occupational therapy; during the summer
24 months, staff members increase outdoor and recreational
25 activities; and

26 WHEREAS, The ultimate goal of the school is to help
27 students progress to a level where they can return to their
28 home school districts; and

29 WHEREAS, There has been a huge explosion in the incidence

1 of autism and there are not enough programs to meet the need;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Paulie Eberhart on his selection as the
6 2004-2005 child ambassador for Easter Seals Metropolitan
7 Chicago and recognize and commend the Easter Seals Therapeutic
8 Day School for its dedication in providing specialized
9 education and support services for autistic children; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
12 presented to Paulie Eberhart and the Easter Seals Therapeutic
13 Day School as an expression of our admiration and esteem.