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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Henry W. Tews for his  
4 devotion to helping men and women overcome substance abuse and  
5 chemical dependence; and

6           WHEREAS, Henry Tews is an exceptional individual, a man  
7 whose passion and vision have helped thousands of men and women  
8 in DuPage County recovering from substance abuse and chemical  
9 dependence rebuild their lives and return as productive members  
10 of their communities; and

11           WHEREAS, A recovering alcoholic's last request in 1965 so  
12 moved Mr. Tews that he spent the next twenty years working to  
13 open the first comprehensive treatment center in DuPage County;  
14 today, Serenity House serves a population that is often  
15 overlooked, indigent men and women who are struggling with  
16 addiction; 85% of the individuals entering into the programs of  
17 Serenity House are homeless, unemployed, and without health  
18 insurance; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Tews founded Serenity House in 1985, and the  
20 organization has grown from a four-bed cottage to a nationally  
21 recognized treatment facility serving hundreds of men and women  
22 in extended residential care, independent living, and

1 outpatient programs; today, Serenity House is recognized as an  
2 example of excellence in providing comprehensive substance  
3 abuse treatment and responding to the complex needs of the men  
4 and women in the programs; Serenity House still remains the  
5 only facility of its kind located in DuPage County; and

6 WHEREAS, Some of Mr. Tews other accomplishments include:  
7 President of the DuPage Prevention Partnership Board  
8 (reelected six times), instructor at the College of DuPage  
9 ("Starting a Social Service Agency", "Spirituality in  
10 Recovery"), member of the Catholic Charities Advisory Board,  
11 United Way Ambassador of Mercy and Agency Board Trustee, and an  
12 appointment to a Special Supreme Court Committee on the  
13 Lawyer's Assistance Program; and

14 WHEREAS, He has also been the recipient of a multitude of  
15 awards commending him for his contributions to the community,  
16 including the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)  
17 2005 Outstanding Community Leader, the DuPage County Citizen of  
18 the Year, the United Way Most Valuable Ambassador, and a  
19 Resolution of Commendation for National Recovery Month from  
20 DuPage County; in addition he served as a facilitator for the  
21 "Building Better Communities" conference in Washington, D.C. ;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, An accomplished author, Mr. Tews recently

1 published the expanded edition of his popular book, *Paint a*  
2 *Little Square*, an inspirational collection of short stories  
3 that have touched the hearts of readers worldwide; Mr. Tews  
4 resides in Crest Hill, with his wife and golf partner, Diane;  
5 therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 honor Henry Tews for his dedication to the people of DuPage  
9 County who need a friend in times of hardship; and be it  
10 further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Henry Tews as a symbol of our respect and esteem.