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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Bette Reed on her retirement from Conerstone Services, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, On January 5, 1981, Bette J. Reed began working for Will County Sheltered Workshop, an organization that is today known as Cornerstone Services, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, In her first 7 years at the agency, Bette Reed served as Work Adjustment Training Supervisor, Skills Training Coordinator, Director of Special Projects, and Director of Residential Services; and

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WHEREAS, On May 31, 1988, Bette Reed was named Director of Development, a position she held for the following 18 years; and

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WHEREAS, Bette Reed's dedication to the people who receive services at Cornerstone was further acknowledged when she was promoted to Vice-President/Chief Development Officer in 2006; and

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WHEREAS During the 31 years she has been employed by Cornerstone, Bette Reed has played a pivotal part in the

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1 expansion of services for people with disabilities in Will and
2 Kankakee Counties, including the development of
3 community-based group homes, employment services, day program
4 community services, residential services for children, and
5 permanent supportive housing for people with mental health
6 needs and their family members; and

7 WHEREAS, Bette Reed has devoted countless hours to
8 fundraising events for Conerstone, coordinating stage
9 entertainment for many years during the Festival of Trees, and
10 recruiting volunteers for the Celebrity Champagne Luncheon;
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12 WHEREAS, Bette Reed's skills as a grant writer are widely
13 admired among her peers, as is her leadership roles in
14 important community organizations including the Will County
15 Continuum of Care and the Southwest Suburban Philanthropic
16 Network; and

17 WHEREAS, The revenue generated for Conerstone through the
18 many grants written by Bette Reed are vast and have improved
19 the lives of numerous people; and

20 WHEREAS, Bette Reed will begin enjoying a well-deserved
21 retirement from Cornerstone beginning in January of 2013;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we honor Bette J. Reed for her 31 years of dedication to the
4 mission of Cornerstone Services: to provide progressive and
5 comprehensive services to people with disabilities and to
6 promote choice, dignity, and the opportunity to live and work
7 in the community, and we congratulate her on her retirement;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Bette Reed as an expression of our esteem and
11 respect.