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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Sandra Bruce on her years of
4 dedication to Catholic Health Care; and

5 WHEREAS, Sandra Bruce took on the role of CEO at Berrien
6 County Hospital at the age of 29 and has continued in strong
7 leadership roles ever since with more than 35 years of hospital
8 experience; most recently, she served as President and CEO of
9 Resurrection Health Care for 3 years; she was named President
10 and CEO of Presence Health when the health system was formed
11 under her leadership from the joining of Resurrection Health
12 Care and Provena Health on November 1, 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, Sandra Bruce has previously served as past Chair
14 of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Health Association of
15 the United States and continues to be an active committee
16 member; she has served on committees within the American
17 Hospital Association and several State hospital associations;
18 currently, she serves on several councils of the Illinois
19 Hospital Association; in 2009, she was appointed to the
20 Commission on a High Performance Health System (The
21 Commonwealth Fund) to help shape health reform; she also
22 remains enthusiastic about mentoring other women as they
23 navigate their own career paths by identifying talents and

1 skills where they can excel; and

2 WHEREAS, Sandra Bruce was named one of the nation's 2011
3 Top 25 Women in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare magazine; and

4 WHEREAS, Sandra Bruce's earliest foray in advocating for
5 social justice was in the late 1960s and early 1970s as
6 Medicaid and Medicare were being put into place; her commitment
7 to being a voice for the voiceless led her to shaping policies
8 we take for granted today; and

9 WHEREAS, Sandra Bruce is a Fellow in the American College
10 of Health Care Executives; she holds a master's degree in
11 health administration from the University of Notre Dame and a
12 bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University; and

13 WHEREAS, Sandra Bruce has been an influential healthcare
14 leader and a strong advocate for improving access to care for
15 all; she has indicated her strong attraction to public and
16 religious health care organizations because they share a common
17 goal - to ensure all patients receive a high quality of care
18 regardless of their means; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 recognize Sandra Bruce on her years of dedication to Catholic

1 Health Care and thank her for her service in helping those in
2 need; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the Sandra Bruce as an expression of our esteem
5 and respect.