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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On January 17, 1917, the Effingham Merchants
3 Association was formed by a group of local business and civic
4 leaders to advance the business interests of the City of
5 Effingham; and

6 WHEREAS, The name of the organization has changed over the
7 years from the Effingham Merchants Association, to the
8 Effingham Business Men's Association, to the Effingham Chamber
9 of Commerce, to the Greater Effingham Chamber of Commerce and
10 Industry, and was changed in 2012 to the Effingham County
11 Chamber of Commerce to better reflect its service to the needs
12 of businesses throughout Effingham County; and

13 WHEREAS, The mission of the Effingham County Chamber of
14 Commerce is to protect, foster, and enhance the success of its
15 members and the community through focused and collaborative
16 efforts; and

17 WHEREAS, In fulfilling that mission, the Effingham County
18 Chamber of Commerce identifies community needs, problems, and
19 opportunities and then develops programs that satisfy those
20 needs, solve those problems, and seize those opportunities; and

21 WHEREAS, The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce works

1 diligently to support economic growth and to create business
2 opportunities; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the Chamber has played a
4 role in the growth of the Effingham County economy by
5 purchasing land and raising funds for industrial development,
6 and funding studies for the development of Lake Sara; it has
7 been in the forefront of community initiatives like the
8 Effingham Regional Career Academy, Effingham County Vision
9 2020, Effingham County CEO Class, Effingham County 911, and
10 Trails Recreation Effingham County (TREC); and

11 WHEREAS, The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce serves
12 existing businesses by sponsoring approximately 150 events,
13 educational, and business-building activities each year, and
14 by encouraging new business startup and business expansion
15 assistance and programming; and

16 WHEREAS, Chamber membership is open to businesses,
17 individuals, and organizations who desire to make Effingham
18 County a great place to live, work, grow, play, visit, prosper,
19 and raise a family; and

20 WHEREAS, The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce is
21 celebrating 100 years of service to Effingham County businesses
22 and communities in 2017 with celebrations at the Annual

1 Business Recognition Gala, a summer celebration, and creating
2 opportunities for the business community to give back through a
3 100 Service Project event; and

4 WHEREAS, For the past 100 years, the Effingham County
5 Chamber of Commerce has proudly served local businesses and
6 Effingham County as a whole; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Effingham County
10 Chamber of Commerce, and salute the organization for being a
11 friend and advocate for the business community of Effingham
12 County.