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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Poverty knows no geographical, ethnic, religious,
3 or political boundaries; of the total population in Macon
4 County, 15.7% live in poverty as documented in the 2010 Census;
5 each person should have the opportunity to live comfortable
6 lives, and all residents of Macon County should work toward
7 that goal; and

8 WHEREAS, The Decatur Macon County Opportunities
9 Corporation (DMCOC) has been providing valuable services to the
10 elderly and disadvantaged in Decatur and Macon County for over
11 53 years; and

12 WHEREAS, The purpose of the DMCOC is to prepare people to
13 enter the economic mainstream of society by providing the
14 skills, opportunities, advocacy, and services needed to become
15 self-sufficient; and

16 WHEREAS, The DMCOC has provided programs and services to
17 the low-income and elderly populations of Decatur and Macon
18 County since its inception in 1964 as a community-based
19 organization to address the "war on poverty"; it was formed as
20 a combined effort of interested political officials, social
21 service agencies, the Decatur City Council, the Macon County
22 Board, low-income individuals, and community residents under

1 the jurisdiction of the Economic Opportunity Act, which was
2 signed into law on August 20, 1964 by President Lyndon B.
3 Johnson; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2016, the DMCOC served a total of 6,403
5 individuals with 444 being children in the Head Start program,
6 and 1,988 seniors being served meals through the Senior
7 Nutrition program; and

8 WHEREAS, The fight against poverty should be a priority of
9 all Americans so that all may enjoy liberty and freedom;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 declare May of 2017 to be Community Action Awareness Month in
14 the State of Illinois to commemorate the 53rd Anniversary of
15 the Decatur Macon County Opportunities Corporation; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the DMCOC as an expression of our esteem and
19 respect.