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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the City of Dixon on the
4 100th anniversary of the Dixon Memorial Arch, also known as the
5 Victory Arch; and

6 WHEREAS, The Dixon Arch was built in May 1919 to honor
7 returning Lee County servicemen; it consisted of a wood
8 framework covered with beaverboard and was decorated with
9 bunting, flags, and hundreds of lights; and

10 WHEREAS, On June 11, 1919, Dixon held a parade to celebrate
11 the returning servicemen, and the route included the newly
12 built arch; and

13 WHEREAS, The Dixon Arch was originally designed to be
14 temporary but was reinforced and made a permanent structure in
15 1924; it was rebuilt several times throughout the years and was
16 widened to accommodate the new four lane road that passes
17 beneath it; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1985, the original Dixon Arch was torn down
19 after it could not be repaired; a new arch made of fiberglass
20 was put in its place and dedicated during Veterans Day
21 celebrations in 1985; it was renamed the Dixon Memorial Arch

1 following its dedication; and

2 WHEREAS, The Dixon Memorial Arch has been a mainstay of the
3 city for a century and welcomes travelers and citizens alike;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Despite several rebuilds and monetary struggles,
6 the Dixon Memorial Arch has stood the test of time; therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate the City of Dixon on the 100th anniversary of
11 the Dixon Memorial Arch; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the City of Dixon.