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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Bloomington-Normal
4 Water Reclamation District on the occasion of the 100th
5 anniversary of its founding; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1919, residents of Bloomington-Normal voted to
7 form a sanitary district to treat wastewater in the two
8 communities; in 1928, a new, state-of-the-art plant began
9 service and, throughout the years, was upgraded and expanded;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In 1990, the district was renamed the
12 Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District (BNWRD) by
13 district trustees; in 2005, the J. Michael Callahan Southeast
14 Wastewater Plant, a second wastewater treatment facility,
15 opened to serve the northeast, east, and southeast metro areas
16 of Bloomington-Normal, as well as portions of the Village of
17 Downs; and

18 WHEREAS, The Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation
19 District's mission is to recycle wastewater safely,
20 efficiently, and economically to improve the quality of life,
21 maintain the public health, and protect the environment in the
22 Bloomington-Normal area; and

1 WHEREAS, The Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District
2 has created and currently maintains two environmental
3 conservation sites in McLean County; the Kenneth L. Schroeder
4 Wildlife Sanctuary is located near the Southeast Plant and is
5 open to the public; the E. Burton Mercier Conservation Area is
6 near Shirley; and

7 WHEREAS, The Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District
8 has been nominated for a number of awards; the West Bloomington
9 Plant has been nominated for Plant of the Year by the Illinois
10 Environmental Protection Agency multiple times and was
11 selected as the Group One Plant of the Year by the statewide
12 Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators four
13 times; in February 2019, the Southeast Plant received the Group
14 One Plant of the Year Award from the Illinois Association of
15 Water Pollution Control Operators for excellence in
16 aesthetics, cleanliness, operations, and compliance with state
17 wastewater treatment standards; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate the Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation
21 District on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its
22 founding and commend them on fulfilling their mission of
23 recycling wastewater safely, efficiently, and economically to

1 improve the quality of life, maintain the public health, and
2 protect the environment; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District
5 as an expression of our esteem and respect.