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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, America's Blood Centers (ABC) is North America's
3 largest network of community-based, independent, non-profit
4 blood centers; and

5 WHEREAS, America's Blood Centers was founded in 1962 in
6 Scottsdale, Arizona by a group of independent community blood
7 centers, with the mission of helping member blood centers serve
8 their communities; and

9 WHEREAS, The members of America's Blood Centers provide
10 half of the U.S. blood supply and a quarter of the Canadian
11 blood supply; and

12 WHEREAS, The members of America's Blood Centers serve more
13 than 150 million patients by providing blood products to more
14 than 3,500 hospitals and health facilities throughout North
15 America; and

16 WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, America's Blood Centers has
17 provided its members with opportunities to share its best
18 practices and collaborate to help them effectively manage the
19 organizations that help save or sustain the lives of millions
20 of patients; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2002, the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood
2 Centers (ICCBC), based on the model of America's Blood Centers,
3 was founded in Springfield as the first state-wide association
4 of community blood centers in the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 2002, the Illinois Coalition of Community
6 Blood Centers has effectively served its mission of advocacy
7 and raising public awareness for the need for voluntary blood
8 donations; and

9 WHEREAS, All of the members of the Illinois Coalition of
10 Community Blood Centers are active members of America's Blood
11 Centers; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate the members of America's Blood Centers on the
15 occasion of its 50th anniversary and thank the organization for
16 its 50 years of service and commitment to a safe and adequate
17 blood supply for our nation; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we congratulate the members of the Illinois
19 Coalition of Community Blood Centers on its 10th anniversary
20 and thank the organization for the decade of service and
21 commitment to a safe and adequate blood supply for our State;
22 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to America's Blood Centers and the Illinois Coalition
3 of Community Blood Centers.