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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Top Ladies of
4 Distinction, Incorporated (TLOD) on the occasion of the 50th
5 anniversary of its founding on June 4, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, TLOD's first meeting was held on June 4, 1964, and
7 it was chartered in the state of Texas on September 8, 1964 as
8 a non-profit educational, humanitarian organization; its
9 mission: "To enhance and enrich the lives of youth and adults
10 through national and community-based programs and projects. We
11 measure our success by the improved quality of life experienced
12 by the people we serve."; charter members were: Mrs. Franchell
13 Boswell, Mrs. Ina Bolton Brown, Mrs. Augusta R. Cash, Major
14 Ozell M. Dean, Mrs. Willie Lee Glass, Mrs. La Verne R. Madlock,
15 Mrs. Ruth Payne Smith, and Mrs. Georgia B. Prestwood Nelson;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, TLOD has expanded its
18 purpose to focus on youth (Top Teens of America), improving the
19 status of women, service to senior citizens, community
20 beautification, and community partnerships; chapters
21 nationwide support the National Council of Negro Women, the
22 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the
23 United Negro College Fund, and Sickle Cell Disease Awareness;

1 chapters have awarded scholarships in each of TLOD's 6
2 geographic areas; and

3 WHEREAS, Past national Presidents of TLOD from Illinois are
4 the 6th President, Jacquelyn Heath Parker, from Crete and the
5 10th President, Peggy Lewis LeCompte, from Belleville; and

6 WHEREAS, TLOD chapters in Illinois are: the Chicago
7 Chapter, the Ebony Chapter - Maywood, the East St. Louis
8 Chapter, the Evergreen Park Chapter, the Lincoln Park Chicago
9 Chapter, the Midway Chicago Chapter, the North Shore Chicago
10 Chapter, the Skyline Chicago Chapter, the South Suburban
11 Chicago Chapter, the West Suburban Chicago Chapter, and the
12 Will County Chapter; and

13 WHEREAS, TLOD's membership has grown to include thousands
14 of dedicated, concerned, hard-working members that represent a
15 cross-section of resourceful woman power; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate the Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated on
19 the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and we wish them many
20 more years of success; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to TLOD as an expression of our esteem and respect.