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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois is currently home to 13,597
3 manufacturers employing approximately 724,309 workers, making
4 it among the largest industrial states in the U.S.; and

5 WHEREAS, Manufacturing is credited with adding \$135.1
6 billion value added to the State's economy, comprising 12.3%
7 of Illinois' GDP; and

8 WHEREAS, Approximately 543,000 workers, or 75% of the
9 individuals in the manufacturing industry, are employed by
10 manufacturers with less than 500 employees; and

11 WHEREAS, Small and midsize manufacturers continue to be
12 crucial to Illinois' economic health; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1925, a group of eight Chicago-area
14 manufacturers came together to establish an association in
15 order to provide support and encouragement to small and
16 midsize manufacturers, naming it the Die, Tool, Special
17 Machinery and Manufacturers Association before it became known
18 as the Technology & Manufacturing Association (TMA); and

19 WHEREAS, The TMA began providing support for those
20 establishing new businesses, motivating them to network with

1 each other and share both energy and expertise as the
2 manufacturing industry entered the 21st century; and

3 WHEREAS, The TMA, now at 100 years of age, continues to
4 support and defend small and midsize manufacturers in Illinois
5 and surrounding states as technology becomes more and more
6 advanced; and

7 WHEREAS, It is important for the State of Illinois to
8 remain committed to supporting our manufacturers, encouraging
9 their growth and prosperity, and raising public awareness to
10 inspire the next generation of manufacturers as manufacturing,
11 along with farming and mining, continue to be major industries
12 of wealth creation in our State and the U.S.; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate the Technology & Manufacturing Association
16 (TMA) on its 100th anniversary of leading and supporting small
17 and midsize manufacturers.