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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Aurora Actionaires on 50  
4 years of service to the Aurora community; and

5 WHEREAS, Aurora Actionaires was founded in 1975 by Donna  
6 J. Williams, Martha M. Hickling, and Caroline Johnson with the  
7 thought of organizing a social club; and

8 WHEREAS, Aurora Actionaires began placing an emphasis on  
9 service rather than social activities as the club progressed  
10 and is now composed of 20 African American women who support  
11 other like-minded organizations and volunteer to serve at  
12 various community events; and

13 WHEREAS, Aurora Actionaires has assisted the elderly, the  
14 needy, provided more than \$200,000 in college scholarships to  
15 typically underserved Aurora high school graduates, and  
16 sponsored and maintained three Little Libraries; and

17 WHEREAS, Aurora Actionaires' projects have included Sickle  
18 Cell Tag Days, purchasing equipment for special needs  
19 students, sponsoring workshops for parents and students on how  
20 to complete scholarship applications and the FAFSA (Free  
21 Application for Federal Student Aid), and sponsoring girl

1 mentoring outings to events such as the Little Mermaid movie  
2 and spring etiquette teas; and

3 WHEREAS, Aurora Actionaires provided masks to residents of  
4 the Aurora Housing Authority and hand sanitizer, gloves, and  
5 socks to residents of nursing homes during the Covid-19  
6 pandemic; and

7 WHEREAS, Aurora Actionaires established The Aurora  
8 Actionaires Foundation, Inc. in 2015, a recognized 501(c)(3)  
9 non-profit that is now the charitable arm of the organization;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Aurora Actionaires' motto since its inception is  
12 "We Care. We Act. We Serve."; 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 Aurora Actionaires on 50 years of service to  
16 the Aurora community; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Aurora Actionaires as a symbol of our respect and  
19 esteem.