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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate St. Andrews Golf & Country Club of West Chicago on the occasion of its 100th anniversary in operation; and

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WHEREAS, Established by Frank Hough and partners as a public, 36-hole golf facility in 1926, St. Andrews has been owned and operated by the Jemsek-Hinckley family for five generations, making it the oldest family-owned golf course in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, From 1938 to 2002, St. Andrews was owned by Joe Jemsek, who pioneered the "country club for the day" model by introducing premium services, founded golf TV shows, was named PGA Professional of the Year in 1991, and was inducted into the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame; and

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WHEREAS, St. Andrews has been owned and operated by fourth and fifth generation members of the Jemsek-Hinckley family since 2002; the golf course is currently led by Chairperson Marianne Jemsek-Hinckley, and other notable long-term and current employees include Head Professional Dave Erickson, Pro Shop and Marketing Manager Michelle Bockrath, Starter Butch Hanson, Head Ranger Dennis Maher, and General Manager Bill

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2 WHEREAS, St. Andrews has deep ties to notable figures in  
3 the golf community, including World Golf Hall of Famer and  
4 50-year Head Professional Patty Berg, multiple PGA Tour winner  
5 Ray Floyd, and Illinois Golf Hall of Famer Frank Jemsek, who  
6 also founded multiple beginner golf schools; and

7 WHEREAS, St. Andrews has been home to the St. Andrews  
8 Practice Center since its opening in 1990; the practice center  
9 has been ranked in the top 50 in the United States and offers a  
10 number of amenities, including TopTracer technology, heated  
11 stations, and banquet rooms for over 400 guests that are open  
12 364 days per year; and

13 WHEREAS, St. Andrews has entertained approximately 6  
14 million rounds of golf since 1926, and it regularly hosts  
15 charity events and high school teams; the golf course has also  
16 been the recipient of numerous accolades, including receiving  
17 the National Golf Foundation Family Award and being named the  
18 Daily Herald's Best Public Course and Driving Range in 2024  
19 and 2025; and

20 WHEREAS, St. Andrews employs approximately 200 seasonal  
21 staff, many of whom are long-term and multigenerational staff,  
22 and they continue to support the golf course's mission to

1 provide quality golf and dining to enhance Chicagoland  
2 community life; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate St. Andrews Golf & Country Club on achieving  
6 its 100th anniversary in operation in 2026; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to St. Andrews Golf & Country Club as an expression  
9 of our esteem and respect.