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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Sauganash Woman's Club on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2026; and

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WHEREAS, The Sauganash community in Chicago was carved from prairie and woods after realtors Koester and Zander subdivided 65 acres into a residential area in 1926, an area that was a remote, country-like setting with unpaved roads and portable buildings for schools and churches; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Zander Jr. met with local women to envision a social and civic cornerstone for the neighborhood, and this vision came to life at the home of Luella Carsten, leading to the official organization of the Sauganash Woman's Club; and

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WHEREAS, The Sauganash Woman's Club's first formal meeting consisted of 27 pioneering women at the home of C. M. Fries, where Owen O'Malley was elected as the first president, establishing the very first women's organization in the neighborhood; and

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WHEREAS, The Sauganash Woman's Club's official crest, designed by Nancy Mix, beautifully honors the community's

1 heritage by incorporating a carnation, which is the club
2 flower, alongside a feather and arrow to symbolize Chief
3 Sauganash, for whom the community is named; and

4 WHEREAS, For 100 years, the Sauganash Woman's Club has
5 remained a membership-based nonprofit that bridges
6 generations, embodying the core attributes of loyalty and
7 cooperation while fostering lifelong friendships among women
8 in Sauganash and surrounding areas; and

9 WHEREAS, The Sauganash Woman's Club's impact is felt
10 through its robust philanthropic efforts and cherished
11 community traditions, including the annual Easter egg hunt at
12 Sauganash Park, featuring over 5,000 eggs, and support for
13 local Halloween festivities and various charities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Sauganash Woman's Club continues to evolve as
15 a modern, dynamic organization, offering diverse programming
16 from theater outings and brewery socials to garden parties,
17 pickleball, and its traditional monthly meetings at the
18 Sauganash Park Fieldhouse; and

19 WHEREAS, The Sauganash Woman's Club remains a vital thread
20 in the fabric of Chicago's North Side, proving that while a
21 century has passed since its founding, its mission of
22 strengthening the community through fellowship is more

1 relevant than ever; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate the Sauganash Woman's Club on the occasion of
5 its 100th anniversary, commend its members past and present
6 for their century of service, and extend our best wishes for
7 its continued success; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the leadership of the Sauganash Woman's Club as a
10 symbol of our esteem and respect.