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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Lombard Garden Club
4 on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, For a century, the Lombard Garden Club has helped
6 shape the beauty and character of the Lombard community since
7 its founding on May 28, 1926; and

8 WHEREAS, The Lombard Garden Club welcomes experienced and
9 budding gardeners to gain enjoyment and a sense of
10 accomplishment by connecting with other gardeners, staying
11 true to its main purpose of promoting an interest in gardening
12 while beautifying the Lombard landscape; and

13 WHEREAS, The Lombard Garden Club supports two butterfly
14 gardens in Lilacia Park, a native garden at the Sheldon Peck
15 Homestead, and gardens at Maple Street Chapel and Terrace View
16 Park; and

17 WHEREAS, The Lombard Garden Club is also known for its
18 Annual Lilac Sale, an event that has been held on the Thursday
19 prior to Mother's Day for more than 50 years, attracting
20 people from Lombard and the surrounding communities as well as
21 Michigan, Indiana, and Missouri; and

1 WHEREAS, The Lombard Garden Club further supports its
2 community through awarding scholarships to support Lombard
3 residents in pursuit of studies in horticulture and related
4 fields; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lombard Garden Club began commemorating its
6 100th birthday with the Centennial Celebration Luncheon for
7 members and their guests in April 2026, where 100 guests
8 attended a Roaring Twenties-themed gala, with many attendees
9 donning clothing reminiscent of that era; and

10 WHEREAS, The following month, the Lombard Garden Club
11 served as Grand Marshal of the 2026 Annual Lilac Festival
12 Parade, with members walking beside or riding the club's float
13 under the banner of "Gardening... An American Tradition" to
14 reflect this year's parade theme, "Happy 250th Birthday,
15 America"; and

16 WHEREAS, The Lombard Garden Club's 100-year accomplishment
17 was celebrated by the Village of Lombard, which proclaimed the
18 date of the club's 100th birthday, May 28, 2026, as Lombard
19 Garden Club Day; and

20 WHEREAS, The Lombard Garden Club further commemorated its
21 centennial by installing a memorial brick at Lilacia Park; and

1 WHEREAS, The Lombard Garden Club previously brought
2 national attention to its hometown through hosting the 2011
3 International Lilac Society Annual Convention, which specially
4 recognized the Village of Lombard as Lilac Village; and

5 WHEREAS, From lilacs and prairie plantings to education,
6 conservation, and historic preservation, the Lombard Garden
7 Club's generations of members have cultivated more than
8 gardens for the past century; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate the Lombard Garden Club on achieving its 100th
12 anniversary, reflecting a century of its members' shared
13 dedication, efforts, and community care; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the Lombard Garden Club as an expression of our
16 esteem and respect.