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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Philanthropic Educational Organization
3 (P.E.O.) was founded by a pioneering group of young women in
4 Mount Pleasant, Iowa in January 1869 with the goal of
5 supporting each other throughout educational challenges and
6 experiences; and

7 WHEREAS, P.E.O. International, also known as the P.E.O.
8 Sisterhood, is now a global network of more than 129,000
9 members supporting educational assistance for women pursuing a
10 variety of higher education opportunities around the world;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, P.E.O. International had generated approximately
13 \$462 million in educational assistance and scholar awards as
14 of July 2025, making a difference for thousands of young women
15 faced with the ever-increasing costs of education and
16 scholarship; and

17 WHEREAS, P.E.O. International includes more than 5,400
18 local chapters across North America; and

19 WHEREAS, Illinois Chapter CE was organized by members of
20 the P.E.O. Sisterhood in Savanna on December 9, 1926; and

1 WHEREAS, Illinois Chapter CE celebrates its 100th
2 anniversary as a supporter of scholarships, grants, awards,
3 student loans, continuing education, and other resources for
4 women in 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, At the 123rd Illinois P.E.O. Convention, Chapter
6 CE was recognized for its approaching anniversary; and

7 WHEREAS, Photographed for this recognition and honor were
8 Illinois Chapter CE members Julane Bowman, Jan Schoening,
9 LeeAnn Michaels, Char Daehler, Gloria Miner, Diane Smith,
10 Bonnie Davies, Kathy Meador, Peggie Daniels, and Debbie
11 McColley; and

12 WHEREAS, While all members of the Sisterhood are equal in
13 honor, the member in the photograph shown carrying the wand
14 signifying Illinois Chapter CE identity is Jan Schoening, a
15 beloved retired math teacher who inspired eighth graders at
16 West Carroll Middle School; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate P.E.O. Illinois Chapter CE on its 100th
20 anniversary on December 9, 2026; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That we wish Illinois Chapter CE another century

1 of support for women's aspirations around America and the
2 world; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
4 Jan Schoening of Savanna with equal respect to all of members
5 of Illinois Chapter CE.