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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate American Airlines on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, marking a century of connecting the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois to people, cultures, and economies through air travel as it became one of the world's leading global airlines; and

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WHEREAS, On April 15, 1926, American Airlines was founded with a flight piloted by Charles Lindbergh, who was carrying U.S. Mail from Chicago to St. Louis, and the company has since grown into one of the world's leading global airlines, establishing its Chicago hub more than four decades ago and making O'Hare International Airport the largest dual-hub airport in the nation; and

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WHEREAS, American Airlines has operated commercial service at O'Hare International Airport since 1955, and today the airport serves as the airline's third-largest global hub and primary Midwest connection point; and

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WHEREAS, American Airlines has the distinction of being the first airline to introduce an airline loyalty program, known as AAdvantage, which Illinoisans use to fly their families to vacation destinations and distant family events;

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2 WHEREAS, American Airlines' centennial is a reminder that  
3 the airline has bolstered the economy of Chicagoland and the  
4 State of Illinois, generating more than \$16 billion in total  
5 economic output for the State in Fiscal Year 2024 alone, while  
6 employing nearly 10,000 team members in the Chicago area and  
7 contributing to local organizations that help the region  
8 thrive; and

9 WHEREAS, American Airlines provides Illinois with  
10 increased connectivity and a broad global network, operating  
11 more than 525 peak daily departures from five airports in  
12 Illinois and offering flights to more than 160 destinations  
13 and 17 countries; and

14 WHEREAS, American Airlines annually carries more than 25  
15 million passengers through O'Hare International Airport;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate  
19 American Airlines on its 100th anniversary and centennial  
20 celebration, and we thank the airline for its continued  
21 commitment to the State of Illinois; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to American Airlines as a symbol of our respect and  
3 esteem.