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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate the McLean County 4 Disaster Council on the 50th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, The McLean County Disaster Council (MCDC) was founded in 1969 to promote cooperation and assistance among governmental bodies, private organizations, and community agencies in disaster operations; on May 8, 1969, the MCDC met for the first time in Bloomington; community leaders exchanged ideas on communications, emergency housing, transport and feeding, and command and control of the disaster site; and

WHEREAS, The MCDC holds a disaster drill each year to test the community's emergency preparedness at different locations and presents various scenarios, including tornado destruction, active shooter situations, aircraft incidents, and pandemics; and

WHEREAS, Membership of the MCDC includes hospital personnel, the health department, the American Red Cross, business and industrial representatives, colleges and universities, airport representatives, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, social service agencies, emergency

- 1 management agencies, emergency dispatch personnel, and local
- 2 government officials and representatives; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The original concept of the McLean County Disaster
- 4 Council remains true today; planning for the unexpected or
- 5 unknown major event requires cooperation among many entities
- 6 with various resources; the ability to respond quickly and
- 7 effectively is crucial during a disaster event, and preparation
- 8 is the key; therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 10 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 11 we congratulate the McLean County Disaster Council on the 50th
- 12 anniversary of its founding and commend them for 50 years of
- service to the people of McLean County; and be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the McLean County.