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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize EyeCare America and its dedicated volunteers for 35 years of public service to the people of Illinois and throughout the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Older individuals are particularly susceptible to loss of vision as a result of eye conditions such as age-related macular degeneration, cataract, glaucoma, and diabetes; and

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WHEREAS, Early detection and treatment for eye diseases is often the difference between functional vision and blindness; and

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WHEREAS, In 2020, EyeCare America, the public service program of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, celebrates 35 years of preserving sight; and

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WHEREAS, EyeCare America has helped over two million people across the nation with sight saving care and resources through the efforts of more than 5,000 volunteer ophthalmologists; and

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WHEREAS, Over 30,000 Illinois citizens have been helped by the services offered by the 190 EyeCare America volunteer

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1 ophthalmologists from throughout our State; and

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Society of Eye Physicians and
3 Surgeons, in partnership with the American Academy of
4 Ophthalmology, strongly encourages its members to volunteer
5 for EyeCare America; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois has a distinguished history of
7 excellence in eye care as home to six academic institutions,
8 the Loyola University Medical Center, the Northwestern
9 University Feinberg School of Medicine, the Rush University
10 Medical Center, the Stroger Hospital of Cook County, the
11 University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at
12 Chicago/Illinois Eye & Ear Infirmary, which are training the
13 next generation of caring eye physicians and surgeons, as well
14 as providing exceptional state-of-the-art medical eye care to
15 patients and developing cutting-edge research; and

16 WHEREAS, Illinois is the home to the Chicago
17 Ophthalmological Society, established in 1893 and the oldest
18 local ophthalmological society in the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, Individuals may contact EyeCare America to
20 determine if they or their loved ones are eligible for referral
21 to a volunteer ophthalmologist in Illinois; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we recognize EyeCare America and its dedicated volunteers for
4 35 years of public service to the people of Illinois and
5 throughout the United States; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to EyeCare America as a symbol of our respect and
8 esteem.