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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Bound to Stay Bound Books on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, Bound to Stay Bound is a third generation family owned business in Jacksonville; currently led by Robert L. "Bob" Sibert, its primary mission is to provide the best juvenile books, media products, and related services to the libraries of North America, as closely matched to their needs as possible and as economically as possible; and

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WHEREAS, Bound to Stay Bound's story began in 1920 when Lawrence D. Sibert and William Suhy founded New Method Book Bindery on the second floor of 220 South Main in Jacksonville, the former location of Degan's Dance Hall; it expanded and moved to 201 South Kosciusko in 1923; New Method acquired Ward Brothers Bindery in 1937; the business evolved into Hertzberg-New Method in 1953; it moved to its current location at 1880 West Morton Avenue in 1959; the company became Bound to Stay Bound Books in 1970, based on a book by Melvin Summerfield that it had published in 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Bound to Stay Bound has given back to the community in a number of ways; it began a librarian scholarship

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1 in 1984, providing financial assistance for the education of  
2 men and women who intend to pursue an MLS or advanced degree  
3 and who plan to work in the area of library service to  
4 children; it began offering Illinois College scholarships for  
5 employees in 1998; it has sponsored and provided travel grants  
6 for a number of conferences and programs led by the American  
7 Association of School Librarians (AASL); and

8 WHEREAS, Bound to Stay Bound and its owners have been the  
9 recipients of numerous awards and honors over its long history,  
10 including the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce's Industry  
11 of the Year Award in 1990, the Illinois State Board of  
12 Education's Business-Education Partnership Program Honorable  
13 Mention in 1998, the American Association of School Librarians'  
14 Crystal Apple Award in 2004 and 2015, the Jacksonville Area  
15 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award in 2007, the  
16 Educational Book & Media Association's 3rd Jean Srnecz Award in  
17 2017, the Association of Illinois School Library Educators'  
18 Pillar Award in 2018, and the Illinois State Historical  
19 Society's Centennial Business Award in 2019; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we congratulate Bound to Stay Bound Books on its one hundred  
23 years of service to the libraries across North America; and be  
24 it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2           presented to Bound to Stay Bound.