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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, St. John's Conclave is the State of Illinois'
3 premier body of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine; the
4 organization was initially chartered by the Grand Imperial
5 Conclave of the Red Cross of England on February 3, 1872; and

6 WHEREAS, St. John's Conclave was declared to be the
7 Conclave No. 1 of the Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the
8 Red Cross of Constantine and Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of
9 the State of Illinois on August 30, 1872, heading the Empire of
10 the West; and

11 WHEREAS, The membership of St. John's Conclave has
12 included many distinguished citizens who have contributed
13 significantly to Chicago and the State of Illinois, including
14 Chicago City Comptroller Theodore T. Gurney (1820-1886),
15 Chicago Mayor DeWitt Clinton Cregier (1829-1898), Lieutenant
16 Governor of Illinois and Brigadier General John Corson Smith
17 (1832-1910), Chief Executive Officer W. Clement Stone
18 (1902-2002), Governor of Illinois Richard B. Ogilvie
19 (1923-1988), and many other leaders in medicine, law, and
20 business; and

21 WHEREAS, St. John's Conclave continues in its 151st year
22 of providing fraternal support to the community and following

1 out the chivalric traditions of Constantinian Freemasonry;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate St. John's Conclave on 150 years of service
6 and celebrate this momentous anniversary; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Recorder Martin P. Starr of St. John's Conclave.