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## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Operative Plasterers' & 4 Cement Masons' International Association (OPCMIA) Local 90 on 5 the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, OPCMIA of the United States and Canada is known as the oldest building and construction trades union in the United States, building safely and skillfully while ensuring the production of quality private, state, and federally-funded projects, including the Rebuild Illinois program; and

WHEREAS, On May 5, 1899, OPCMIA Local 90 was established in East St. Louis with the objective to enhance the standard of living, wages, working conditions, and job security; in the subsequent years, the organization effectively served the purpose for which it was founded, improving the future of its members, thus providing inspiration for cement masons, plasterers, and fireproofers in other parts of the country; and

WHEREAS, OPCMIA Local 90 has been a leader in the construction industry for more than a century, with the organization currently representing nearly 270 members in southwestern Illinois who are trained in the industry's latest

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- 1 cement finishing, plastering, fireproofing, and safety
- 2 standards; the organization covers 10 full counties in
- 3 Illinois, providing the safest and most productive workforce
- 4 in the Metro East area; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Through persistence and relentless pursuit of a
- 6 higher standard of living and better benefits and conditions,
- 7 OPCMIA Local 90 has endured and overcome a great deal in its
- 8 125-year history, permitting today's members to enjoy a safe
- 9 workplace, an excellent hourly wage, superior health and
- 10 welfare benefits, and a generous pension; therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 13 we congratulate Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons'
- 14 International Association (OPCMIA) Local 90 on its 125th
- anniversary; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That we thank OPCMIA Local 90, its officers, and
- 17 its members for their invaluable work to make Illinois a
- 18 leading state in finishing techniques and systems for
- 19 generations to come; and be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 21 presented to OPCMIA Local 90 and its officers as an expression
- of our esteem and respect.