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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate the Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club (SCCC)
4 on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, On May 21, 1924, SCCC was founded as the
6 Springfield Ceramic Society by Springfield resident and
7 initial president Mrs. Lewis Minor, who regularly hosted
8 fashionable teas in her home for women interested in ceramic
9 arts, especially hand-painting china; in 1928, the
10 organization's name was changed to its current designation to
11 reflect that its members' creative pursuits had grown into
12 involving all arts and crafts; and

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WHEREAS, During its early years, SCCC members would place
14 their created craft items on display and meet with talented
15 and influential citizens from the Greater Springfield Area,
16 including fellow member Elizabeth Conner Lindsay, the wife of
17 poet Vachel Lindsay; the club's first exhibit was held at the
18 Lincoln Library for public viewing, and this practice of
19 exhibiting items created by members still exists today at the
20 annual Spring Table Setting Luncheon and Fall Holiday Market;
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WHEREAS, SCCC initiated its first table setting display in

1 1930, and the club later won first place at the 7th Annual
2 Table Setting Tournament hosted by the Stix, Baer & Fuller
3 store in St. Louis, Missouri in 1938, with the distinction of
4 being the only club outside of the City of St. Louis invited to
5 participate; the organization continues this tradition each
6 spring at its annual Table Setting Luncheon, where new members
7 display their table designs; and

8 WHEREAS, SCCC's current objective is the pursuit of
9 teaching ceramics and crafts in their various phases and,
10 through offering such instruction, to become involved in
11 charitable projects and programs that benefit the community in
12 order to enhance educational and community services while
13 simultaneously supporting a better understanding of art in the
14 Greater Springfield Area; the organization's fundraising
15 efforts have allowed continued funding of its community
16 activities during its 100-year history; and

17 WHEREAS, SCCC members have reached hundreds of community
18 members by donating their skills and talents to teach classes
19 and provide funds to purchase art supplies; the club currently
20 partners with Springfield area schools, the Sojourn Women's
21 Center, the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery, MERCY Communities,
22 and Springfield Memorial and HSHS St. John's Hospitals; the
23 organization has also donated thousands of dollars through its
24 Youth Art Outreach Grant to aid art teachers working at

1 Springfield area schools; and

2 WHEREAS, SCCC membership, which consists of individuals
3 who primarily reside in Springfield and the Greater
4 Springfield Area, has grown from its humble beginnings of 12
5 members in 1924 to 206 members today; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the
8 Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club (SCCC) on its 100th
9 anniversary, and we recognize its members for their dedication
10 to the arts and the community; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to SCCC as an expression of our esteem and respect.