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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, For a century, the Decatur Park District has served the Decatur community by offering green spaces, recreational activities, and opportunities for people of all ages; and

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WHEREAS, The Decatur Park District is a unit of local government founded in 1924, with the aid of a donation from the Faries family, and the District has since evolved to include parks, activity centers, a zoo, an airport, and other facilities; and

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WHEREAS, Decatur Park District facilities now include an administrative office, the Decatur Airport, the Decatur Indoor Sports Center, the Fairview Tennis Center, Hickory Point Golf Course, the Scovill Activity Center, Overlook Adventure Park, the Poage Arts & Recreation Center, Red Tail Run Golf Club by Raymond Floyd, the Schaub Floral Display Center, the Devon G. Buffett Lakeshore Amphitheater, Splash Cove Aquatic Center, and the Scovill Zoo; and

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WHEREAS, Millions of people have utilized Decatur Park District facilities; since 1961, people have played nine million rounds of golf, and since 1967, more than four million people have visited the Scovill Zoo; and

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1 WHEREAS, Recent grants and donations have allowed the
2 Decatur Park District to make major renovations; the Scovill
3 Zoo recently started work on a new puma exhibit, Garfield Park
4 is planned to be renovated, and the District plans to build a
5 new playground, a new pavilion, a new parking lot, and an
6 interactive ball wall; and

7 WHEREAS, The members of the Board of Commissioners that
8 govern the Decatur Park District include Chris Harrison,
9 Stacey Young, Bob Brilley II, Dr. Kristin White, and Shelith
10 Hansbro; and

11 WHEREAS, The Decatur Park District employs approximately
12 100 full-time employees and 500 part-time and seasonal
13 employees; and

14 WHEREAS, The mission of the Decatur Park District is to
15 enrich the community's quality of life, health and wellness,
16 education, and economic vitality by providing outstanding
17 parks, facilities, and recreational opportunities; and

18 WHEREAS, The Decatur Park District is celebrating its
19 100th anniversary with a year-long series of exciting events
20 and activities, including a community breakfast, the "Hardy's
21 Highway...Race For the Lake" powerboat racing event, and a Wings

1 and Wheels event at the Decatur Airport featuring live music,
2 a car and plane show. fireworks and more; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the
5 Decatur Park District on its 100-year anniversary; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the Decatur Park District as a symbol of our
9 esteem and respect.