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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Morton College on the occasion of the 100th
4 anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, Morton College first opened its doors on
6 September 15, 1924 with 11 teachers and 76 students under the
7 direction of its first president, Harry Victor Church, who
8 made Morton a peoples' college with terminal courses for
9 better citizenship as well as preparation for university; and

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WHEREAS, Morton College is the second oldest community
11 college in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Morton College has evolved from its humble
13 beginnings on the third floor at Morton East High School to its
14 current campus in Cicero, allowing the college to have served
15 more than a quarter of a million students across Berwyn,
16 Cicero, Forest View, Lyons, McCook, and Stickney; and

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WHEREAS, Morton College is committed to its mission of
18 enhancing the quality of life of its diverse community through
19 providing exemplary teaching and learning opportunities,
20 recognizing the value of community service, and promoting
21 life-long learning; and

1 WHEREAS, Morton College strives to prepare leaders in all
2 walks of life by offering opportunities for career advancement
3 through six degree programs, 37 certificate programs, and a
4 pathway to transfer to a university for a four-year degree;
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6 WHEREAS, Morton College provides programming in the arts,
7 theater, music, and athletics to foster creativity and unity
8 throughout the region; and

9 WHEREAS, Morton College is committed to educational
10 innovation through its university transfer program and
11 expansion of educational opportunities to include career,
12 community, and adult education programs that serve all ages
13 from eight to 88; and

14 WHEREAS, Morton College graduates have served their
15 communities as elected officials, as police and firefighters,
16 and as educators; and

17 WHEREAS, Morton College graduates provide valuable care
18 for their communities as nurses, physical therapist
19 assistants, and doctors; and

20 WHEREAS, Morton College graduates improve the quality of

1 life for their community members through vital car and heating
2 systems repairs, maintenance of our information superhighway,
3 and through the local businesses they have built to meet the
4 needs of our families; and

5 WHEREAS, Morton College graduates bring neighbors together
6 through their talents in college and professional sports,
7 music, television, news, and movies; and

8 WHEREAS, Morton College recently started the 2024-2025
9 academic year with over 5,500 students and the announcement of
10 exciting new exterior campus renovations that will enhance the
11 student experience; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Morton
14 College on the 100th anniversary of its founding; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Morton College President Dr. Keith McLaughlin as
18 a symbol of our respect and esteem.