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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary of Broadview Mansion in Normal; and

WHEREAS, The mansion was built 100 years ago by Bird and Margaret Van Leer and sits on high ground where Fell Avenue meets Clinton Place in Normal; a five-story bell tower that Mrs. Van Leer had built in her husband's memory sits behind the mansion; and

WHEREAS, The Van Leers were devout Christians and wished for their estate to be used for a Christian cause upon their passing, so Mrs. Van Leer created the Immanuel Bible Foundation to use and care for the property after she and her husband passed away; the Foundation developed a lending library for churches to borrow sheet music and recorded music; Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Daughters of the American Revolution are among church groups that used the building during the early years; and

WHEREAS, Through the Foundation, the mansion seeks to be a place of service and gathering for all of Christianity; today it is offered as a place to host Bible studies, prayer meetings, Christian training and planning sessions, day retreats, missionary groups, and other related events and also works to provide the general population with a serene setting for meetings and events such as bridal showers, luncheons, and recitals; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the 100th anniversary of Broadview Mansion; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Immanuel Bible Foundation as an expression of
3 our esteem.