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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, April 13-19, 2008 is National Library Week; and

3 WHEREAS, The staff of the Helen Matthes Library in
4 Effingham is celebrating the 125th anniversary of the library
5 on April 16, 2008 with a birthday party; and

6 WHEREAS, The library is also preparing to reach a milestone
7 with close to 100,000 items circulated; and

8 WHEREAS, On July 31, 1883, the Effingham Ladies Library
9 Association was incorporated by Mrs. Nellie Bliss White; the
10 current library was built in 1956 after making its home in the
11 White Building and then in the City Hall; and

12 WHEREAS, The library is named after the mother of former
13 mayor of Effingham, Paul Eiche; and

14 WHEREAS, The library houses over 70,000 items, has eighteen
15 public access computers and four card catalog computers, and
16 holds free computer classes eight times a year in a computer
17 lab donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 congratulate the staff and patrons of the Helen Matthes Library
3 on this momentous occasion; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Amanda Standerfer, Director of the Helen Matthes
6 Library, as a symbol of our respect.