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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of
4 Steamfitters Local 439 in Caseyville on the occasion of the
5 organization's 100th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, Steamfitters Local 439 was created on August 12,
7 1911, when Martin P. Durkin, General President of the United
8 Association of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the
9 United States and Canada, chartered the Local in East St.
10 Louis; Local 439 resided in East St. Louis until September of
11 1987, when the Local's new union hall was built and named the
12 Donald J. Bailey Building after the organization's retired
13 business manager; and

14 WHEREAS, The members of Steamfitters Local 439 have built
15 countless structures in the State of Illinois, from hospitals
16 to schools to steel mills to powerhouses; and

17 WHEREAS, The members of Steamfitters Local 439 have donated
18 many thousands of man hours to their communities; the Local has
19 raised funds for numerous charitable causes, including
20 multiple sclerosis research, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance
21 Burn Camp, the United Way, St. Vincent DePaul in St. Louis,
22 Missouri, the Caseyville and Fairview Heights Police

1 Departments, and the Hollywood Heights and Fairview Heights
2 Fire Departments; the organization has also assisted military
3 units, including the United States Marine Corps' 1st Light
4 Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and the 3rd Platoon "Road
5 Warriors" / 561st Engineer Company at Joint Base Balad in Iraq;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Steamfitters Local 439 prides itself on its health
8 and welfare, pension, annuity, and training programs, which it
9 provides to its members at no expense; and

10 WHEREAS, The members of Steamfitters Local 439 serve as
11 models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people
12 of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate the members of Steamfitters Local 439 on the
16 occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary and wish them
17 continued success in the future; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the members of the Steamfitters Local 439 as a
20 symbol of our esteem and respect.