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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the
4 Nineteenth Century Charitable Association of Oak Park on the
5 occasion of the organization's 120th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association
7 (formerly known as the Nineteenth Century Club) was founded in
8 1891 by local women to serve the members of the local
9 community; these women were trendsetters who fought for women's
10 rights and created organizations to help families, such as
11 travelling libraries, the Infant Welfare Society, the Oak Park
12 River Forest Day Care Nursery, the Oak Park Mental Health
13 Association (now known as the THRIVE Counseling Center), and
14 adult education and continued learning programs; the mission
15 continues to support these needs in the 21st century; and

16 WHEREAS, The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association of
17 Oak Park is actively focused on learning and giving to their
18 local community through support of nonprofit organizations'
19 projects, awarding four-year scholarships to local students,
20 sewing and knitting clothing for children, premature infants,
21 and soldiers, and offering adult education programs to the
22 community; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the last 120 years, the Nineteenth Century
2 Charitable Association of Oak Park has supported over 2,400
3 donations to community organizations and social services
4 organizations in the community, 1,000 scholarships to local
5 students, sewn and knit 55,000 garments for children, premature
6 infants, soldiers, and those in need from national disasters,
7 and offered 6,500 cultural and educational programs that
8 promote continuing adult learning; and

9 WHEREAS, The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association of
10 Oak Park built and maintained a building that enhances the
11 historic character of Oak Park and its community and has
12 offered 85 years of sharing its building at 178 Forest Avenue
13 with the community for innumerable community meetings and use
14 by a myriad of not-for profit, government, and public service
15 organizations for everything from voting to wartime efforts;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate the members of the Nineteenth Century
20 Charitable Association of Oak Park on the occasion of the
21 organization's 120th anniversary and wish them continued
22 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association of
2 Oak Park as a symbol of our esteem and respect.