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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 Norris Electric Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their  
5 cooperative; and

6           WHEREAS, Norris Electric Cooperative was officially formed  
7 on September 18, 1938, in Newton, Illinois, through the hard  
8 work and dedication of a handful of local residents wanting to  
9 improve living and farming condition for themselves and their  
10 neighbors; and

11           WHEREAS, Because of the lack of density, it simply wasn't  
12 possible for the for-profit utilities to make a profit serving  
13 rural areas with only a few farms or homes per mile of electric  
14 line; with the help of loans from the Rural Electrification  
15 Administration (REA), the people living in these rural areas  
16 banded together to form member-owned and member-governed  
17 electric cooperatives; and

18           WHEREAS, This group of local residents went door to door  
19 signing up their neighbors to become members of Norris Electric  
20 Cooperative and convincing them that a cooperative would bring  
21 lights and power to the rural area; and

1           WHEREAS, Their hard work paid off and Norris Electric  
2 Cooperative's lines were first energized on December 24, 1939,  
3 initially serving 550 member-owners in 6 counties; and

4           WHEREAS, Norris Electric Cooperative continues to provides  
5 reliable electric service to member-owners in Clark, Crawford,  
6 Cumberland, Effingham, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland, and Wabash  
7 counties; and

8           WHEREAS, For 75 years, the cooperative has served their  
9 member-owners based on 7 guiding principles: voluntary and open  
10 membership, member-elected and controlled boards of directors,  
11 members' economic participation, autonomy and independence,  
12 education and training, cooperation among cooperatives, and  
13 concern for community; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate the members of the Norris Electric Cooperative  
17 on the 75th anniversary of their cooperative; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Norris Electric Cooperative as a symbol of our  
20 esteem and respect.