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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 Jo-Carroll Energy on the 75th anniversary of their cooperative;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Jo-Carroll Energy was officially organized on
7 April 4, 1939 in Elizabeth, Illinois, through the hard work and
8 dedication of a handful of local residents wanting to improve
9 living and farming conditions for themselves and their
10 neighbors; and

11 WHEREAS, Because of the lack of density, it simply was not
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, these rural people banded together to form
16 rural member-owned and member-governed electric cooperatives;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, This group of local residents went door to door
19 signing up their neighbors to become members of Jo-Carroll
20 Energy 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 Jo-Carroll Energy's
2 lines were first energized on May 3, 1940, initially serving 60
3 member-owners in Jo Daviess and Carroll counties; in 2013,
4 Farmers Mutual Electric merged with Jo-Carroll Energy; and

5 WHEREAS, Jo-Carroll Energy continues to provides reliable
6 electric service to member-owners in Carroll, Henry, Jo
7 Daviess, and Whiteside counties; and

8 WHEREAS, For 75 years, Jo-Carroll Energy has served its
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 Jo-Carroll Energy on its 75th anniversary; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Jo-Carroll Energy as a symbol of our esteem and
20 respect.