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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the members of Kiwanis
4 International on the occasion of the organization's 100th
5 anniversary in 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Kiwanis International originated in August of
7 1914 in Detroit, Michigan from a conversation between Allen S.
8 Browne and Joseph G. Prance; Browne's idea was to solicit
9 business and professional men asking them if they would be
10 interested in organizing a fraternal organization with a health
11 benefit feature; Browne and Prance set out and recruited enough
12 members to apply to the state for a non-profit status; the
13 State of Michigan approved the application on January 21, 1915
14 and the Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers was formed; the
15 organization's name was changed to Kiwanis a year later; by
16 1927, the organization had more than 100,000 members; and

17 WHEREAS, Kiwanis International is a volunteer-led
18 organization based in 7 regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Canada
19 and Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the
20 United States and Pacific Canada; there are nearly 600,000
21 members in Kiwanis and the organization annually raises more
22 than \$100 million, sponsors nearly 150,000 service projects,
23 and reports over 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen

1 communities and serve children; Kiwanis also sponsors about
2 7,000 youth service clubs with nearly 320,000 youth members;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Kiwanis International's original motto was "We
5 Trade"; a new motto of "We Build" was adopted during the 1920
6 International Convention and represented Kiwanis for more than
7 80 years; the current motto, adopted in 2005, is "Serving the
8 Children of the World"; and

9 WHEREAS, Women constitute about 26% of total members in
10 Kiwanis International; at the 2013 International Convention,
11 Sue Petrisin was elected to serve as the organization's first
12 female international vice president; and

13 WHEREAS, Kiwanis International is the founder and major
14 supporter of Key Club International, which was started in
15 Sacramento, California in 1925; Key Club is the oldest and
16 largest service program for high school students in the world;
17 as of 2010, Key Club had 250,000 members in 5,000 clubs in 30
18 nations; and

19 WHEREAS, The members of Kiwanis International serve as
20 models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people
21 of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate the members of Kiwanis International on the
4 occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary and wish them
5 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Kiwanis International as a symbol of our esteem
9 and respect.