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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 80th anniversary of their
5 cooperative; and

6 WHEREAS, Norris Electric Cooperative was officially formed
7 on September 18, 1938, in Newton 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 (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 six 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 80 years, the cooperative has served their
9 member-owners based on seven guiding principles: voluntary and
10 open membership, member-elected and controlled boards of
11 directors, members' economic participation, autonomy and
12 independence, education and training, cooperation among
13 cooperatives, and concern for community; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate the members of the Norris Electric Cooperative on
17 the 80th 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.