



HR0439

LRB098 12321 GRL 46596 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of
4 McDonough Power Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their
5 cooperative; and

6 WHEREAS, McDonough Power Cooperative was officially formed
7 on July 15, 1938 in Macomb, 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 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 McDonough Power
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 McDonough Power
2 Cooperative's lines were first energized on August 15, 1939,
3 initially serving 930 member-owners in McDonough County; and

4 WHEREAS, McDonough Power Cooperative continues to provides
5 reliable electric service to member-owners in Fulton, Hancock,
6 Henderson, Knox, McDonough, Schuyler, and Warren counties; and

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

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

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to McDonough Power Cooperative as a symbol of our
19 esteem and respect.