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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the owners and staff of
4 the Mt. Carmel Daily Republican Register on the occasion of the
5 paper's 175th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The Daily Republican Register is descended from a
7 weekly newspaper, the Mt. Carmel Register, which first reported
8 news to the area on June 11, 1839; and

9 WHEREAS, The paper began by using the intricate and
10 laborious linotype, where wooden blocks were handpicked
11 piece-by-piece to form the publication; and

12 WHEREAS, In the late 1870s, a second weekly, the Mt. Carmel
13 Republican, came into being; in 1888, the Republican was
14 purchased by Dan Keen; 11 years later, the paper became a daily
15 publication in Wabash County; and

16 WHEREAS, The Register's long history extends not only to
17 the paper, but also to the building in which the Register
18 operates and the paper's first recorded publisher; and

19 WHEREAS, The Register building, looking toward the county
20 courthouse, is a historic structure built in 1848 as the new

1 church for Beauchamp Chapel, a Methodist congregation that
2 included the founders of the City of Mt. Carmel; and

3 WHEREAS, The Register's first recorded publisher, United
4 States Army Colonel T.S. Bowers, had also made a name for
5 himself; during the Civil War, he enlisted in the Union Army as
6 a private, ultimately becoming a colonel and assistant adjutant
7 general to General Ulysses S. Grant; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, the Register is completely computerized;
9 the paper also offers an online e-edition and at-home delivery
10 of the print edition; and

11 WHEREAS, The Register is staffed by Publisher Phil Summers,
12 Editor Andrea Howe, News Editor Amanda Thombleson, Sports
13 Writer Scott Allen, People Writer Jennifer Loesch, news clerk
14 Steve Williams, advertising staff Sandra Higgins and Joey
15 Luecke, as well as Susan Wiseman at the classified and
16 circulation desk, Bob Tanquary in the accounting department and
17 Jackie Andrews in Human Resources; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate and recognize the owners and staff of the Mt.
21 Carmel Daily Republican Register on the occasion of the paper's
22 175th anniversary; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the staff of the Mt. Carmel Daily Republican
3 Register as a symbol of our esteem and respect.