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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Home Sweet Home Ministries in Bloomington on the occasion of its centennial anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Home Sweet Home Ministries was founded on November 25, 1917 by Billy Shelper, a local business person who felt called to minister to people in need in Bloomington; and

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WHEREAS, The first activity of Home Sweet Home was an open invitation for all to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner and Home Sweet Home has continued that tradition ever since; and

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WHEREAS, Home Sweet Home Ministries has provided temporary shelter to thousands of homeless men, women, and children and has provided hundreds of thousands of meals to people within the community; and

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WHEREAS, Home Sweet Home Ministries has joined with the Community Health Care Clinic, the McLean County Health Department, the McLean County Center for Human Services, and State Farm Bank to make the Mobile Health Project available to adults within the community through regularly scheduled mobile health clinics; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Bread for Life Food Co-op program operated by  
2 Home Sweet Home Ministries recognizes the dignity, worth, and  
3 capability of each co-op member by engaging them in the process  
4 of earning and receiving healthy food to address food  
5 insecurity and serves as a model for other organizations and  
6 communities that want to establish healthy means for addressing  
7 food insecurity; and

8           WHEREAS, Home Sweet Home Ministries is committed to  
9 assisting low-income individuals in managing their finances  
10 through participation in Faith and Finances classes and  
11 provides training of trainers to other organizations so that  
12 the model can be replicated; and

13           WHEREAS, Home Sweet Home Ministries is the only family  
14 shelter in the Bloomington area and utilizes a model of trauma  
15 informed care to respond to the trauma that homeless children  
16 and adults have experienced; and

17           WHEREAS, Home Sweet Home Ministries offers opportunities  
18 to several thousand volunteers every year and is a work site  
19 for hundreds of individuals who perform community service,  
20 providing them with meaningful ways to serve their neighbors  
21 and their community; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 recognize Home Sweet Home Ministries on its centennial  
4 anniversary, and we wish it many more successful years; and be  
5 it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Home Sweet Home Ministries.