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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Mennonite Sanitarium Training School was 3 founded in Bloomington on January 23, 1919; the first 4 commencement took place in 1922 with 15 graduates; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, the Mennonite College of Nursing was established; in 1985, the last graduation ceremony for diploma students was held, and the first degrees from the Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN) were awarded; in 1995, the Master of Science in Nursing Program was approved; and

WHEREAS, The Mennonite College of Nursing became Illinois State University's sixth academic college on July 1, 1999; during the past 16 years, the college has increased its undergraduate enrollment, added two sequences to the master's program, created a doctoral program that includes a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing and an online Doctor of Nursing Practice, and created an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing option; a state-of-art nursing simulation lab was opened in 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois State University Mennonite College of Nursing has maintained important traditions while transforming into an innovative, future-oriented program; therefore, be it

- 1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 3 we declare January 23, 2019 as ISU Mennonite College of Nursing
- 4 Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 6 presented to the ISU Mennonite College of Nursing as a symbol
- 7 of our respect and esteem.