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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the American Hungarian Family Society on the occasion of its 100th anniversary on May 4, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, The American Hungarian Family Society began in 1919 when families migrated to Bloomington from Austria and Hungary and settled on the northwest side of town, known as the Forty Acres; most residents in this neighborhood worked for the Alton Railroad; the families would meet at someone's house every Saturday, roll back the rug, play some music, and dance; and

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WHEREAS, The first organizational meeting was held at the West Side Clothing Store in January 1919; and

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WHEREAS, On April 15, 1919, the officers purchased a lot at 1520 Calhoun Street in Bloomington; on September 12, 1919, the Society borrowed \$3,500 from the American State Bank to pay for the building; this was a large undertaking, and four or five of the members used their homes as collateral; the building was erected by the original 100 members themselves and still stands at 1520 Calhoun; and

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1 WHEREAS, Twice a year, members of the Society hold sausage
2 suppers and sell Hungarian sausage made from scratch by its
3 members to raise money to support the organization; although
4 there have been some changes, including opening membership
5 beyond those related to the original founding families, most of
6 the Society's traditions have stayed the same for 100 years;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The American Hungarian Family Society will be
9 celebrating its 100th anniversary with a dinner and dance on
10 May 4, 2019; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate the American Hungarian Family Society on the
14 occasion of its 100th anniversary, and we wish them many more
15 successful years; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the American Hungarian Family Society as an
18 expression of our esteem and respect.