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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Kruta's Bakery on the
4 occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Kruta's Bakery was founded in 1919 by Frank Kruta
6 Sr., who emigrated from Russia after training in Germany to be
7 a baker; the original bakery was located in two side-by-side
8 shot-gun-style houses on 8th Street in East St. Louis; Frank
9 was joined at the bakery by his wife, Anastatia (Stella), his
10 four sons, and his daughter; the bakery was remodeled in 1945
11 to accommodate the growing business; and

12 WHEREAS, After 55 years in East St. Louis, Frank's oldest
13 son, Tony, and his wife, Sue, reopened the bakery in
14 Collinsville in January 1974; Tony and Sue were joined by
15 Tony's siblings, Frank Jr. and Stella and their sons, Joe and
16 Jim Sr.; the bakery has flourished in Collinsville; and

17 WHEREAS, The Kruta family's business has become a staple in
18 Madison County and a shining example of the American Dream
19 fulfilled; the family business has survived many challenges,
20 including long, hard hours of work, The Great Depression, and
21 the loss of a family member at the Battle of the Bulge; and

1 WHEREAS, Today, the bakery is run by the third and fourth
2 generations of the Kruta family; the family still uses some of
3 the same recipes Frank Sr. brought with him from Eastern Europe
4 and follows his commitment to baking from scratch using the
5 highest-quality ingredients; they strive to maintain
6 consistency throughout the decades, to run the bakery with the
7 values of honesty, integrity, and hard work, and to treat their
8 customers like family; and

9 WHEREAS, Kruta's Bakery will host an anniversary
10 celebration on August 18, 2019, featuring live music, food from
11 several Collinsville restaurants, and samples of cake and
12 pastries; in an effort to give back to the community, the
13 bakery has partnered with the American Warrior Initiative and
14 is charging adults a small fee for the food offered at the
15 celebration; the proceeds will be used to provide a local
16 veteran in need with a service dog; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Kruta's Bakery on the occasion of its 100th
20 anniversary and wish the Kruta family many more successful
21 years; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to Kruta's Bakery as an expression of our esteem and

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