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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Aurora Area Branch of  
4 the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on the  
5 occasion of their 100th anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, Founded in 1881, the AAUW is the nation's most  
7 active and diverse organization for college graduates; it is  
8 the oldest and largest national organization working for  
9 equality and the advancement of women through education; and

10           WHEREAS, The AAUW works to address the barriers and  
11 implicit biases in education that hinder the advancement of  
12 women, to ensure livelihoods for women by creating inclusive  
13 career pathways to attain economic security, and to close the  
14 gender gap in leadership opportunities by cultivating women  
15 leaders; and

16           WHEREAS, The Aurora Area Branch was founded in 1919 and has  
17 approximately 60 members; among their achievements is the  
18 effort to elect women to local offices, beginning in the 1950s  
19 when Elaine Hegy, the former branch president, was the first  
20 woman elected to the local school board; many of the Branch's  
21 members have run for public office, including State Senator  
22 Linda Homes, State Representative Stephanie Kifowit, former

1 State Representative Linda Chapa-LaVia, and former State  
2 Representative Suzanne Deuchler; and

3 WHEREAS, The Aurora Area Branch's other achievements  
4 include being selected as a finalist for AAUW's Breaking  
5 Through Barriers Award for its "Science Spooktacular" program  
6 for girls in 2011 and being the home branch of Andi Danis, the  
7 2013-2014 Illinois State President; and

8 WHEREAS, A graduate with an associate's degree or the  
9 equivalent, a baccalaureate, or a higher degree from a  
10 qualified educational institution is eligible to join the AAUW;  
11 members of the Aurora Area Branch join 100,000 members  
12 nationwide with a long-standing commitment to advocacy for  
13 women; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate the Aurora Branch of AAUW on the occasion of  
17 their 100th anniversary and commend them for examining and  
18 taking positions on the fundamental issues of the day and on  
19 promoting equity and education for women and girls; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the Aurora Branch of AAUW as an expression of our

1 esteem and respect.