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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, During 2020, the University of St. Francis will 2 3 celebrate 100 years of preparing women and men to contribute to 4 the world through service and leadership and of being a cornerstone of the Joliet community; and 5 6 WHEREAS, The University of St. Francis was established in 7 1920 by the Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis of 8 Mary Immaculate for the education of its own members; and 9 WHEREAS, Under the name Assisi Junior College, the doors of 10 the University of St. Francis were opened to women outside the 11 congregation in 1925; and 12 WHEREAS, A senior college curriculum was established and a 13 new name, the College of St. Francis, was adopted in the fall term of 1930; and 14 15 WHEREAS, The College of St. Francis became coeducational in 1971; and 16 17 WHEREAS, The institution became the University of St. Francis on January 1, 1998; and 18

WHEREAS, Each year, the students of the University of St.

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- 1 Francis continue doing works of mercy within Illinois,
- 2 including feeding the homeless, aiding the sick, clothing the
- 3 naked, visiting the imprisoned, and teaching the young; and
- 4 WHEREAS, University of St. Francis alumni act as
- 5 instruments of peace, contributing their time, talent, and
- 6 treasure in service and leadership, building both civic and
- 7 religious communities of welcome; and
- 8 WHEREAS, For 100 years, the State of Illinois and the
- 9 University of St. Francis have benefited from one another,
- 10 growing together in both reputation and achievement in a
- 11 partnership that has enriched the lives of those who work in
- 12 and call Illinois home; therefore, be it
- 13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 15 we congratulate the University of St. Francis on its centennial
- 16 anniversary and on its significant contributions to Joliet,
- 17 Will County, the State of Illinois, and beyond; and be it
- 18 further
- 19 RESOLVED, We commend the University of St. Francis for its
- 20 commitment to its students and extend best wishes to all for a
- 21 successful celebration; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 2 presented to University of St. Francis President Arvid C.
- 3 Johnson Ph.D. as an expression of our esteem and respect.