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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Voss Pattern Works Inc.
4 in Belleville on 100 years of business; and

5 WHEREAS, Voss Pattern Works was opened at 1116 East "A"
6 Street by Edward and Lena Voss in 1921; and

7 WHEREAS, Edward and Lena's eldest son Ed worked at Voss
8 Pattern Works from 1946 to 1947 before relocating as a
9 patternmaker to San Francisco, California; their son Virgil
10 started working in pattern making in 1946, and their son Leo
11 started in 1948; and

12 WHEREAS, Upon Edward's death in January of 1958, Virgil
13 and Leo formed a partnership to continue the business and
14 joined the Pattern Makers League of North America; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1966, the business moved into the present
16 location at 123 Iowa Ave; and

17 WHEREAS, Lena retired in 1978, and Leo's wife Mina became
18 the office manager; and

19 WHEREAS, The business was incorporated in June of 1980;

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2 WHEREAS, Virgil's son Tim worked as an apprentice pattern
3 maker from 1980 to 1982; Leo's son Joe started as an apprentice
4 in June 1981, and Leo's son Frank has operated the shell core
5 machine since 1987; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon Virgil's death in August of 2002, Joe became
7 shop manager; and

8 WHEREAS, Leo and Mina, both 92-years old, continue to come
9 to the shop almost every day; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we congratulate Voss Pattern Works Inc. on 100 years of
13 service and wish them continued success; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Voss Pattern Works Inc. as a symbol of our esteem
16 and respect.