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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Sangamon County on the
4 occasion of its bicentennial anniversary on January 30, 2021;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Sangamon County was established by an act of the
7 Illinois General Assembly on January 30, 1821; at that time,
8 it was subdivided from Madison and Bond counties and was one of
9 only 33 counties in Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Sangamon County was named for the Sangamon River,
11 which runs through it; and

12 WHEREAS, The Kelley Family, Elisha, John, Henry, and their
13 relatives, are usually considered the first Europeans to live
14 in the boundaries of what is now Springfield; John Kelley, who
15 arrived in Sangamon County in the spring of 1819, built a cabin
16 in 1821 near what is now Second and Jefferson streets that was
17 used as the first Sangamon County courthouse; and

18 WHEREAS, Springfield was confirmed as the permanent county
19 seat in 1825 following the Illinois General Assembly's
20 decision to reduce Sangamon County's boundaries for the first
21 time; and

1 WHEREAS, Since 1821, Sangamon County and its residents
2 have played a vital role in the State's history and the
3 country's history and has been home to many notable residents
4 and events; and

5 WHEREAS, The bicentennial anniversary of Sangamon County
6 is an opportunity to reflect on the past 200 years and
7 celebrate the many cultural, political, economic, and academic
8 contributions made by the county and its residents to the
9 state, the nation, and the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, Sangamon County is known as a model of
11 good government practices and for providing timely and
12 efficient services to the residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Sangamon County has demonstrated its ability to
14 offer good stewardship of taxpayer dollars by maintaining low
15 taxes on its residents while also making investments for the
16 future; and

17 WHEREAS, Sangamon County has been a leader on critical
18 public works projects, including the 10th Street Rail
19 Consolidation project in Springfield, which has been
20 recognized as one of the top public works projects in the
21 nation due in part to the county's leadership at shepherding

1 this project along with other community partners; and

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives is honored
3 to conduct the business of the people of the State of Illinois
4 in Sangamon County, the home county of President Abraham
5 Lincoln, and looks forward to many more years of success to
6 come; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Sangamon County on the occasion of its
10 bicentennial and send our best wishes for the future to the
11 people and leaders of Sangamon County; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Chairman of the Sangamon County Board and all
14 Sangamon County Board Members as a symbol of our esteem and
15 respect.