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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Mt. Carmel Rotary Club on over 100 years of service to Mt. Carmel and the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club was organized on February 18, 1920 with 20 charter members; and

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WHEREAS, In its early years, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club met at the Mulhall Hotel, later known as the Wabash Hotel and more recently as the Colonial Inn, on 117 East Fifth Street; and

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WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club was organized with the assistance of Harrisburg Rotary Club President C.A. Taylor and Harrisburg Rotary Club Secretary Charles E. Combe; and

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WHEREAS, The first officers of the Mt. Carmel Rotary Club were President Walter Kimzey, Vice-President Dan Keen, Secretary Charles Reynolds, and Sergeant at Arms Frank Cowling; and

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WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club constitution and by-laws were adopted on March 1, 1920 with a charter date of

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1 April 1, 1920; and

2 WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club has had three members  
3 who have served as District Governors, Peter Kolb from 1925 to  
4 1926, Carroll Risley from 1960 to 1961, and Janice Alka from  
5 2018 to 2019; member Robin Dean will serve as District  
6 Governor from 2025 to 2026; and

7 WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club's signature activity  
8 is Corn Day, which started in 1965 at the Bluff City Park and  
9 has been an annual event in Mt. Carmel every year since; the  
10 event is scheduled near the 4th of July and has been held in  
11 the Mabel Courter Youth Center since 1983; and

12 WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club's Corn Day feeds  
13 nearly 1,500 people all the sweet corn they can eat, and the  
14 proceeds go to community and humanitarian endeavors; and

15 WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club has helped children  
16 and youth in the community through various activities,  
17 including providing playground equipment for local schools and  
18 parks, supporting the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and giving a  
19 dictionary to every third grade student in the county schools;  
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21 WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club has helped public and

1 private schools; since 2006, it has contributed to  
2 improvements to the City Park and Swimming Pool, provided  
3 college scholarships for high school seniors, and made  
4 donations to the Mt. Carmel High School Music Department and  
5 to Youth in Action; and

6 WHEREAS, During the summer of 1978, Lynne Sadlek  
7 participated in a Mt. Carmel Rotary Club sponsored Student  
8 Exchange Program, and in 2018, Madison Merritt participated in  
9 a nine month Student Exchange Program in Japan; and

10 WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club provided leadership in  
11 the construction of the Shelter House and new restrooms in the  
12 City Park, which was a \$130,000 project; and

13 WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club has served the  
14 community through various additional projects, including  
15 visiting residents in nursing homes, wrapping tree seedlings  
16 for the Wabash County Soil and Water District, and giving  
17 financial help to the Mt. Carmel Public Library, the Wabash  
18 Valley College Foundation, the Wabash General Hospital and  
19 Foundation, Wabash Area Development, Inc. (WADI), and the Safe  
20 Haven Women's shelter; it has also provided local law  
21 enforcement with speed indicators and aided in the  
22 installation and maintenance of "Welcome to Mt. Carmel" signs  
23 and message boards; and

1           WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club has supported The  
2           Rotary Foundation in its overall mission of doing good in the  
3           world as well as specifically supporting the Polio Plus  
4           program to eradicate polio; and

5           WHEREAS, The Mt. Carmel Rotary Club had originally planned  
6           to celebrate their 100th anniversary on April 4, 2020 but had  
7           to postpone due to the COVID-19 pandemic; the celebration was  
8           then held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 in conjunction with  
9           the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Shelter House in Mount  
10          Carmel City Park with Rotary International President Mark  
11          Maloney as the special guest; therefore, be it

12          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13          HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14          we congratulate the Mt. Carmel Rotary Club on over 100 years of  
15          service; and be it further

16          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17          presented to the Mt. Carmel Rotary Club as a symbol of our  
18          respect and esteem.