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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the Chicago Region SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) on its 75th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Region SCCA began in the late fall of 1948 with Fred Wacker serving as the first Regional Executive; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Region SCCA members wanted to hold road racing events similar to those being held on the east coast, and in 1950, the original Elkhart Lake race was held on roads just north of the lake and northwest of town; and

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WHEREAS, Due to the success of the Elkhart Lake races, there was considerable enthusiasm for a closed course road race circuit on a gravelly hillside site on the outskirts of town; with help and assistance from the Chicago Region SCCA, Road America, the first permanent road racing course in the United States, was completed just in time for the Chicago Region to conduct an SCCA national race on September 9, 1955; in June of 1956, a second national race was held, the first ever Chicago Region June Sprints; the June Sprints have been held consecutively at Road America every year since; and

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1 WHEREAS, The partnership between the Chicago Region SCCA
2 and Road America remains strong; the SCCA still sanctions two
3 amateur road races a year at Road America, and SCCA members
4 also staff corner stations and key positions at pro-racing
5 events such as IndyCar, IMSA, and NASCAR road races; and

6 WHEREAS, The Chicago Region SCCA currently has 1,364
7 members and hosts many other motorsports-related events; in
8 addition to four road racing events each year at three
9 different road racing venues, it conducts eight Autocross
10 (Solo) events, seven Track Day events, and several social
11 functions; 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 recognize the Chicago Region SCCA (Sports Car Club of
15 America) on its 75th anniversary and wish them many more
16 wonderful years; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Chicago Region SCCA as a symbol of our respect
19 and esteem.