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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Blondell Plumbing on
4 providing 120 years of service to the Quad Cities community;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Blondell Plumbing was originally founded as
7 Swanson Plumbing by Victor Swanson in 1902; in the century
8 that followed, the business was passed down to family members
9 three times, first to Victor's daughter Marion in 1941, then
10 to Walt Blondell in the mid-1960s, and finally to Walt's son
11 Steve in 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, Blondell Plumbing gained its current name in
13 1941; and

14 WHEREAS, Blondell Plumbing's various owners have invested
15 much of their own time and energy in learning, practicing, and
16 sharing their knowledge of their trade, with many entering the
17 trade and business directly after finishing school and
18 continuing to help around the business well into retirement;
19 the business has also served as a great place of education for
20 the next generations of tradesmen through its apprenticeship
21 programs with the Local 25 Union; and

1 WHEREAS, Blondell Plumbing has been crucial to the
2 completion of many area projects in the Quad Cities, including
3 residential and commercial buildings; the business' team has
4 also helped to build a community of respect, cooperation, and
5 friendship among various contractors in the area through
6 collaboration on large projects; and

7 WHEREAS, Blondell Plumbing has developed a reputation as
8 an upstanding and reliable business within the community
9 through cultivating relationships with clients in the
10 community over several generations, permitting the business to
11 continue to rely solely on word-of-mouth advertising; and

12 WHEREAS, With the retirement of Blondell Plumbing's
13 current owner, Steve Blondell, in 2022, the business will
14 close after over a century of operating in Moline; therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we recognize and thank Blondell Plumbing for serving the Quad
19 Cities community for the past 120 years; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the owners of Blondell Plumbing as a symbol of our
22 respect and esteem.