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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Illinois Manufacturers' Association on the occasion of its 130th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association began serving the manufacturers of Illinois in 1893, with the first meeting held at the Medinah Temple in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association is the oldest and one of the largest state manufacturing trade associations in the United States, representing more than 4,000 manufacturing facilities; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing contributes the single-largest share (14%) of the State's gross state product (GSP) with a \$580 billion economic impact in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Illinois manufacturing directly provides between 628,418 and 662,298 jobs, 9.5% of total employment in Illinois, with an average annual wage of almost \$80,000 and indirectly supports between 1.68 million and 1.77 million jobs; these jobs compose 29.6% of Illinois total employment; and

1           WHEREAS, Manufacturers feed the world, make life saving  
2 products, power our homes and businesses, build our  
3 infrastructure, transport people and products around the  
4 globe, and provide for our nation's defense; and

5           WHEREAS, Manufacturing makes the world a better place to  
6 live every single day, and manufacturers are the innovators  
7 and entrepreneurs, the builders and producers, the dreamers  
8 and leaders of America, and the solution to many of the  
9 challenges facing our State and nation; and

10           WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association is one of  
11 the greatest contributing factors to manufacturing success in  
12 Illinois, standing as an advocate and leading voice for  
13 industry across the State; and

14           WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association and the  
15 IMA Education Foundation are focused on education and  
16 workforce to build a pipeline of workers for the manufacturing  
17 sector, which includes championing two new manufacturing  
18 academies, Career and Technical Education in K-12 schools, and  
19 an apprenticeship tax credit; and

20           WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association's  
21 Education Foundation provides scholarships to high school

1 students who enroll in manufacturing courses as well as  
2 scholarships to community college students that are studying  
3 skilled trades across the State; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2020, the Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
5 created Makers Madness: The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois,  
6 generating a competitive spirit among manufacturers in the  
7 State to showcase the innovation and ingenuity of our State's  
8 manufacturing sector; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association hosted  
10 its inaugural Makers on the Move bus tour to celebrate  
11 Manufacturing Month in October 2022 across the State to  
12 spotlight the great work Illinois' manufacturers do every day  
13 and showcase modern manufacturing that is high-tech, clean,  
14 diverse, and sustainable; in 2022, the Makers on the Move bus  
15 tour made 20 stops at manufacturing facilities, colleges, and  
16 high schools throughout the State and logged approximately  
17 2,100 miles in seven days by visiting and highlighting  
18 exciting job opportunities in the diverse and innovative  
19 industry; and

20 WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association's Women  
21 in Illinois Manufacturing Council was created to provide  
22 connection, education, mentorship, and fellowship to support  
23 current women in the industry and encourage the next

1 generation; this active and engaged group has come together to  
2 network and learn from each other, to learn about personal  
3 development, and to intentionally showcase opportunities that  
4 encourage girls in STEM careers; and

5 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Illinois  
6 Manufacturers' Association played an integral part in  
7 identifying essential manufacturers for producing life-saving  
8 products for first responders and health care professions; the  
9 IMA was asked by Governor JB Pritzker to co-chair the State's  
10 Equipment Task Force and was appointed by Chicago Mayor Lori  
11 Lightfoot to lead the B2B Recovery Group that included  
12 manufacturing, transportation, warehousing, construction, and  
13 utilities in the State; and

14 WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association hosted  
15 its first annual Moving Makers Forward Education Summit in  
16 2022 that featured manufacturers, local economic development  
17 councils, educators, and recruitment experts; panelists deeply  
18 explored the current worker shortage, building a regional  
19 talent pipeline, legislative proposals to assist with  
20 expanding career exploration, and company culture that could  
21 provide real solutions to incorporate in addressing local  
22 workforce crises; and

23 WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association was named

1 by the American Society of Association Executives as one of  
2 the 100 Associations Saving the World for their efforts to  
3 increase production of essential items, foster collaboration  
4 by companies, increase efficiency, and address regulator  
5 challenges; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois Manufacturers' Association won the  
7 inaugural 2022 Leadership Award from the Conference of State  
8 Manufacturers Associations (COSMA) for their work to attract  
9 and maintain the manufacturing workforce and for the  
10 innovative ways they have helped their members address  
11 workforce challenges; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
13 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate the Illinois Manufacturers' Association on its  
15 130th anniversary; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we commend the Illinois Manufacturers'  
17 Association for their commitment to advocating for Illinois  
18 manufacturers and for recognizing the work Illinois  
19 manufacturers do every day for our State and the nation; and be  
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That we thank Illinois manufacturers, their  
22 employees, and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association for

1 their dedication to their industry and their efforts in  
2 workforce development, and we wish the IMA continued success;  
3 and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the Illinois Manufacturers' Association as an  
6 expression of our esteem and respect.