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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to acknowledge the devastation that took
4 place in the Village of Sherman when a category 2 tornado
5 touched down on March 31, 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, At 5:54 pm, the National Weather Service in
7 Lincoln reported that a tornado was spotted 20 miles
8 west-southwest of Sherman, moving eastward from Morgan County,
9 where tornadoes had been reported 30 minutes prior; and

10 WHEREAS, The tornado traveled through Sherman, causing
11 damage to structures and a subdivision along the Interstate 55
12 Business Loop, over the course of approximately 5.5 miles; and

13 WHEREAS, The tornado damaged 30 to 40 homes, destroyed
14 numerous trees and power lines, and produced a gas leak, but
15 thankfully, no one was injured or killed; and

16 WHEREAS, The tornado continued its course and struck the
17 Walker Standardbreds horse stable, severely damaging several
18 barns on the property and scattering horses; while it was
19 initially reported that 32 horses were missing, all horses
20 were eventually located thanks to the efforts of community
21 members joining staff in finding and recovering the animals;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The tornado was the result of a strong,
3 low-pressure system that moved through the Midwest for much of
4 the day on Friday, leading to several lines of storms with
5 winds topping at 130 mph; and

6 WHEREAS, While the tornado was devastating to parts of
7 Sherman, residents have remained strong and resilient, helping
8 one another to restore order and rebuild; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we acknowledge the destruction to the Village of Sherman due
12 to a category 2 tornado that struck on March 31, 2023; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That we recognize the efforts and hard work of
15 first responders, including members of the Sherman Police
16 Department and the Sherman Area Fire District, and community
17 members, in helping those affected by the storm; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That we wish those affected by the storm the
20 best in their efforts to rebuild; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Trevor J. Clatfelter, the Mayor of the Village of
3 Sherman, as a sign of our esteem and respect.