



HR0347

LRB103 32757 LAW 62560 r

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Jerseyville Motor  
4 Company, Inc. on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, The Jerseyville Motor Company was established by  
6 R. Leo Smith at 301 North State Street in Jerseyville in 1923;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Operating as a Ford dealership, the Jerseyville  
9 Motor Company's first sale was a Ford LTD; and

10 WHEREAS, The Jerseyville Motor Company moved to its  
11 current location at 1205 South State Street in Jerseyville in  
12 1983; and

13 WHEREAS, The Jerseyville Motor Company sold Mercury  
14 vehicles until the Ford brand was discontinued in 2011; and

15 WHEREAS, The Jerseyville Motor Company began selling Ford  
16 electric vehicles (EVs) in 2022; and

17 WHEREAS, The Jerseyville Motor Company sells over 500 new  
18 and used vehicles each year; and

1           WHEREAS, Today, the Jerseyville Motor Company is one of  
2 the largest privately owned employers in Jersey County; the  
3 business currently employs 22 loyal workers, with the average  
4 tenure per employee being 17 years; and

5           WHEREAS, The Jerseyville Motor Company has received  
6 multiple Ford President's Awards from the Ford Motor Company,  
7 one of the motor company's most prestigious awards in  
8 recognition of dealers who have achieved the highest levels of  
9 customer satisfaction in their respective Customer Viewpoint  
10 Group; and

11           WHEREAS, The Jerseyville Motor Company remains a family  
12 owned and operated business across four generations, having  
13 been passed down from R. Leo Smith to his son-in-law, Matt  
14 Dwyer, who led the company until his retirement in the  
15 mid-1980s; the business was then taken over by his own son,  
16 David Dwyer, who serves as its current owner, and it currently  
17 employs John David Dwyer, his son; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate the Jerseyville Motor Company, Inc. on its  
21 100th anniversary, and we wish the business continued success  
22 in the future; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the Dwyer family as an expression of our esteem  
3 and respect.