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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate CassComm on the occasion of its 125th year as a locally owned business; and

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WHEREAS, CassComm, previously known as the Cass Telephone Company, was granted a franchise as the Virginia and Little Indian Telephone Company in 1898; its first telephone wires ran from the community of Little Indian to Virginia, Illinois; the company's first construction wires were strung along roadsides and attached to any stable device available; and

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WHEREAS, CassComm, a six-generation family business, was founded by Edward J. and Ada Huff, the great-grandparents of current Chairman of the Board Gerald E. Gill and the great-great-grandparents of current President and CEO Gerald Sam Gill II; and

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WHEREAS, Casscom's Gerald Gill Sr. launched Cass Cable TV in 1965, which offered 12 local channels in its coverage areas; the business then took a chance on 54k dial-up Internet access in 1996; the company and its board of directors made the decision to pursue the broadband technology in 2018, changing all of their coaxial cables to fiber optics; and

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1           WHEREAS, CassComm currently serves nine counties and  
2 covers 32 communities with the latest in technology, and it  
3 continues to support the communities it serves while  
4 successfully maintaining a locally owned business; therefore,  
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6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate CassComm on its 125th year as a locally owned  
9 business, and we wish the company continued success in the  
10 years to come; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the CassComm Board of Directors as an expression  
13 of our esteem and respect.