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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Ainad Shriners of
4 East St. Louis on the occasion of Ainad Temple serving as its
5 headquarters for the past 100 years; and

6 WHEREAS, The Ainad Shriners broke ground on Ainad Temple
7 on June 3, 1922; the structure was designed with a Moorish
8 theme by renowned architect William B. Ittner of St. Louis and
9 Ainad Noble Albert B. Frankel of East St. Louis; and

10 WHEREAS, Ainad Temple was erected not only as the
11 headquarters for Ainad Shriners throughout all of Southern
12 Illinois but also in response to a growing need in the region
13 for a public venue for conventions, sporting events, and
14 social events within the community; and

15 WHEREAS, Ainad Temple was dedicated on October 26, 1923,
16 with a ceremony and parade that gathered thousands in
17 attendance, including Ainad members, Masonic affiliated
18 bodies, their families, elected officials, and community
19 leaders, and the day was celebrated as a holiday within the
20 City of East St. Louis; and

21 WHEREAS, In its 100-year history, Ainad Temple has hosted

1 a variety of activities, including conventions, band
2 performances and concerts, charitable and fundraising events,
3 banquets, bond rallies, competitions, beauty contests, dances,
4 car shows, expositions, funerals, governmental agency and
5 military events, political and union rallies, circuses, home
6 shows, minstrels, religious events, TV and radio shows, movie
7 showings, sporting events, vaccinations, and many fraternal
8 events; and

9 WHEREAS, Ainad Temple remains the headquarters for Ainad
10 Shriners today, with the organization's jurisdiction including
11 the majority of Southern Illinois south of Springfield and
12 boasting over 3,260 members, the largest membership of the
13 five temples located within Illinois and the fourth largest of
14 the 201 temples located around the world; and

15 WHEREAS, Ainad Temple continues to serve as an anchor for
16 the community and the neighborhood due to the facility
17 remaining one of the few structures in the downtown area of
18 East St. Louis to be in good condition and well maintained; the
19 facility is regularly leased to local organizations for
20 various events and activities in addition to continuing to
21 serve the needs of the Ainad Shriners; and

22 WHEREAS, The Ainad Shriners will celebrate the 100th
23 anniversary of Ainad Temple with a rededication ceremony and a

1 celebration onsite on September 30, 2023; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate the Ainad Shriners of East St. Louis on Ainad
5 Temple serving as its headquarters for the past 100 years, and
6 we wish the organization continued success in the next
7 century; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Ainad Shriners as an expression of our esteem
10 and respect.