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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are disappointed to learn of the closure of  
4 the Springfield Regional Processing and Distribution Center of  
5 the United States Postal Service; and

6           WHEREAS, The U.S. Postal Service has been a staple of  
7 American society during the 248 years of the American  
8 experiment, allowing communication and the flow of information  
9 from town to town, city to city, and state to state for  
10 generations; and

11           WHEREAS, A year before the official founding of the United  
12 States of America, the Continental Congress recognized the  
13 need for a postal service by appointing Benjamin Franklin to  
14 the office of Postmaster General in 1775; and

15           WHEREAS, Although advancements in technology and business  
16 have made the U.S. Postal Service seemingly a relic of the  
17 past, its importance cannot be overstated nor its significance  
18 to national security, secure correspondence, and tradition;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, A local post office connects a small rural town  
21 to a larger interconnected network of nationwide communities

1 while offering many beneficial functions, such as arranging  
2 the delivery of a care package to a loved one stationed  
3 overseas, providing passport applications and renewal  
4 services, and making available the purchase of money orders;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Massive central hubs and smaller distribution  
7 centers may be acceptable for privately owned businesses;  
8 however, the U.S. Postal Service is not a privately owned  
9 business but is instead a government-owned corporation; and

10 WHEREAS, The U.S. Postal Service employs roughly 525,469  
11 individuals nationwide, with its staff including mail carriers  
12 who deliver mail to your mailbox, mechanics who perform  
13 routine vehicle repairs, and clerks behind the counter who  
14 remain committed to providing passport services, selling  
15 stamps, and weighing and correcting postage for packages to be  
16 shipped; and

17 WHEREAS, The closure of the Springfield Regional  
18 Processing and Distribution Center extends beyond its  
19 employees, who will potentially lose their jobs, to local  
20 residents whose vital mail deliveries will experience delays;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The Springfield Regional Processing and

1 Distribution Center employs many, and these individuals  
2 alongside various local leaders and other U.S. Postal Service  
3 employees recently voiced their concerns regarding the loss of  
4 the Springfield Regional Processing and Distribution Center in  
5 a robust public gathering; and

6 WHEREAS, News regarding the closure of the Springfield  
7 Regional Processing and Distribution Center and additional  
8 processing and distribution centers across the country should  
9 not ring in indifferent ears but rather should concern each  
10 and every constituent in every district in every state;  
11 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 urge Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to reconsider closing  
15 the Springfield Regional Processing and Distribution Center;  
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 delivered to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy.