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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Springfield Ceramics  
4 and Crafts Club (SCCC) on the occasion of its 100th  
5 anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, On May 21, 1924, SCCC was founded as the  
7 Springfield Ceramic Society by Springfield resident and  
8 initial president Mrs. Lewis Minor, who regularly hosted  
9 fashionable teas in her home for women interested in ceramic  
10 arts, especially hand-painting china; in 1928, the  
11 organization's name was changed to its current designation to  
12 reflect that its members' creative pursuits had grown into  
13 involving all arts and crafts; and

14           WHEREAS, During its early years, SCCC members would place  
15 their created craft items on display and meet with talented  
16 and influential citizens from the Greater Springfield Area,  
17 including fellow member Elizabeth Conner Lindsay, the wife of  
18 poet Vachel Lindsay; the club's first exhibit was held at the  
19 Lincoln Library for public viewing, and this practice of  
20 exhibiting items created by members still exists today at the  
21 annual Spring Table Setting Luncheon and Fall Holiday Market;  
22 and

1           WHEREAS, SCCC initiated its first table setting display in  
2 1930, and the club later won first place at the 7th Annual  
3 Table Setting Tournament hosted by the Stix, Baer & Fuller  
4 store in St. Louis, Missouri in 1938, with the distinction of  
5 being the only club outside of the City of St. Louis invited to  
6 participate; the organization continues this tradition each  
7 spring at its annual Table Setting Luncheon, where new members  
8 display their table designs; and

9           WHEREAS, SCCC's current objective is the pursuit of  
10 teaching ceramics and crafts in their various phases, and  
11 through offering such instruction, the club seeks to become  
12 involved in charitable projects and programs that benefit the  
13 community in order to enhance educational and community  
14 services while simultaneously supporting a better  
15 understanding of art in the Greater Springfield Area; the  
16 organization's fundraising efforts have allowed continued  
17 funding of its community activities during its 100-year  
18 history; and

19           WHEREAS, SCCC members have reached hundreds of community  
20 members by donating their skills and talents to teach classes  
21 and provide funds to purchase art supplies; the club currently  
22 partners with Springfield area schools, the Sojourn Women's  
23 Center, the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery, MERCY Communities,  
24 and Springfield Memorial and HSHS St. John's Hospitals; the

1 organization has also donated thousands of dollars through its  
2 Youth Art Outreach Grant to aid art teachers working at  
3 Springfield area schools; and

4 WHEREAS, SCCC membership, which consists of individuals  
5 who primarily reside in Springfield and the Greater  
6 Springfield Area, has grown from its humble beginnings of 12  
7 members in 1924 to 206 members today; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate the Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club  
11 (SCCC) on its 100th anniversary, and we recognize its members  
12 for their dedication to the arts and the community; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to SCCC as an expression of our esteem and respect.