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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3           congratulate the Ainad Shriners of East St. Louis on the  
4           occasion of Ainad Temple serving as its headquarters for the  
5           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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the  
4 Ainad Shriners of East St. Louis on Ainad Temple serving as its  
5 headquarters for the past 100 years, and we wish the  
6 organization continued success in the next century; and be it  
7 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.