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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor milestone dates in the history of organizations in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2004; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years the members of the Illinois Elks Association have raised and disbursed funds to charitable causes including: the World War II Memorial, Scholarships for Illinois Students, Illinois Elks Crippled Children Corps, the Elks National Foundation, and other local charitable events; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Elks Association implemented the Grand Lodge Army of Hope program to assist veterans and their families and is a key supporter of Veterans Homes throughout Illinois with Elks Members routinely ensuring that our Veterans are in a homelike setting; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Elks Association organizes Training Sessions to instruct and guide emerging leaders in Local Lodges of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in civic promotion and fundraising for charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, An integral theme of the training of the Illinois Elks Association is to return to Illinois communities to do good work by contributing thousands of hours annually in each community for charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Elks Association provides the leadership to teach hundreds of men and women each year to take leadership roles in communities across the State of Illinois;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Elks Association also prepares
3 leadership through the District and State Committee Chairs to
4 preserve the history of good works and charity that has become
5 synonymous with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; and

6 WHEREAS, The current Officers of the Illinois Elks
7 Association are: President Bill Voigts of Joliet 296; First
8 Vice President Bill Marsh of Quincy 100; Second Vice President
9 Paul Ronzani of Chicago North Shore 1316; Third Vice President
10 Charles Campbell of Carbondale 1243; Secretary Marvin Leathers
11 of Mt. Vernon 819; and Treasurer Gene White of Centralia 493;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of the Benevolent
14 Protective Order of Elks will be hosting its 100th Anniversary
15 Celebration in Springfield January 29 through February 1, 2004;
16 therefore be it ; and

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 recognize and congratulate the Illinois Association of the
20 Benevolent Protective Order of Elks on their 100th Anniversary;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the members of the Illinois Association of
24 Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at their 100th Anniversary
25 celebration.