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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to the
4 American Lung Association of Illinois-Iowa in honor of its
5 100th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association of Illinois-Iowa
7 was founded in 1904 and is the oldest voluntary health
8 organization in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, This organization was originally founded to
10 eradicate tuberculosis and has expanded its mission to include
11 lung disease in all forms, with a special emphasis on asthma,
12 tobacco control, and environmental health; and

13 WHEREAS, The many successes of the American Lung
14 Association of Illinois-Iowa are achieved through the work of
15 thousands of committed volunteers and staff; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, the American Lung Association of
17 Illinois-Iowa fights lung disease through research, education,
18 and public advocacy; and

19 WHEREAS, Through the revolutionary Call Center, the
20 general public can get immediate answers to lung health
21 questions; and

22 WHEREAS, The Call Center has answered nearly 10,000
23 Illinois and Iowa phone calls relating to lung health, and has
24 been embraced by the American Lung Association offices
25 throughout the country as the National Call Center; and

26 WHEREAS, The asthma education and smoking cessation
27 programs created by the American Lung Association have been
28 recognized as the most effective and innovative tools

1 available; and

2 WHEREAS, The groundbreaking research done by this
3 organization is focused on practical and relevant issues
4 relating to asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and
5 patient care; and

6 WHEREAS, This research has led to major breakthroughs in
7 the health industry, such as the use of lifesaving surfactant
8 therapy for thousands of premature infants with respiratory
9 distress syndrome; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association's Illinois-Iowa
11 advocacy programs work to influence the development and
12 enforcement of laws and regulations related to lung health at
13 the national, state, and local levels; and

14 WHEREAS, This organization has helped to educate the
15 Illinois General Assembly about important issues and policies
16 related to lung health; and

17 WHEREAS, Through its policies and mission-driven
18 activities, the American Lung Association of Illinois-Iowa has
19 worked to utilize diversity outreach strategies as a tool in
20 the fight against lung diseases that affect minority groups;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association of Illinois-Iowa
23 has informed and educated the public about the impact and
24 prevention of lung disease by disseminating information
25 through all available channels; and

26 WHEREAS, It has mounted successful legislative efforts to
27 protect our children from tobacco interests, as well as
28 protecting the air we breathe; and

1 WHEREAS, We recognize the 100 years of service the American
2 Lung Association of Illinois-Iowa has provided to communities;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 do hereby offer our congratulations to the American Lung
7 Association of Illinois-Iowa; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the American Lung Association of Illinois-Iowa.