



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust celebrated its
3 140th anniversary on April 17, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, On April 17, 1865, President Lincoln signed bank
5 charter #1024 to establish the First National Bank of Mattoon;
6 on May 1, 1865, the bank opened for business as the 25th
7 nationally chartered bank; and

8 WHEREAS, The First National Bank of Mattoon merged with
9 Mattoon National Bank to form the National Bank of Mattoon in
10 1910; in 1911, this new bank took over The Mattoon Trust
11 Company; and

12 WHEREAS, J. Stanley Weis was appointed President in 1945
13 and held the position until 1953; M.F. Behrend was President
14 from 1953 until 1956; and Melvin C. Lockard was President from
15 1956 until 1973; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1955, the bank purchased property between
17 Charleston and Wabash Avenues; in 1965, the building on
18 Charleston Avenue opened for business and the National Bank of
19 Mattoon was renamed First National Bank, Mattoon; and

20 WHEREAS, In the 1980s, shareholders of First National Bank,
21 Mattoon, founded First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc.; Mattoon
22 Bank was acquired by First Mid-Illinois Bancshares Inc.; State
23 Bank of Sullivan, Cumberland County National Bank of Neoga,
24 First National Bank & Trust Company of Douglas County, and
25 Charleston Community Bank joined First Mid-Illinois; Mattoon
26 Bank consolidated with First National Bank of Mattoon; and a
27 banking facility was opened on Lakeland Boulevard; and

28 WHEREAS, Daniel E. Marvin, Jr. was appointed President in
29 1983 and held the position until 1997; and

1 WHEREAS, In the 1990s, First National Bank, Mattoon, State
2 Bank of Sullivan, Cumberland County National Bank of Neoga,
3 First National Bank & Trust Company of Douglas County, and
4 Charleston Community Bank merged to form First Mid-Illinois
5 Bank & Trust; Heartland Federal Savings & Loan joined First
6 Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. with the Charleston and Sullivan
7 offices merged with First Mid-Illinois; Downstate National
8 Bank with offices in Altamont and Effingham merged with First
9 Mid-Illinois; the Arcola branch was opened; the Charleston
10 branch of First of American Bank and the Monticello,
11 Taylorville, and De Land branches of Bank One were acquired;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In 1999, Dan Marvin retired as Chairman and the
14 Board of Directors appointed Bill Rowland as Chairman and CEO
15 and John W. Hedges as President; and

16 WHEREAS, In the current decade, branches were opened in
17 Decatur, Champaign, and Maryville; American Bank with branches
18 in Highland and Pocahontas was acquired; The Checkley Insurance
19 Agency, Inc. was acquired; and a second banking location in
20 Highland was opened; and

21 WHEREAS, Division Heads and Executive Officers include
22 William S. Rowland, Chairman and CEO; John W. Hedges,
23 President; Stanley E. Gilliland, EVP, Trust and Investment
24 Group; Michael L. Taylor, EVP & CFO; and Laurel G. Allenbaugh,
25 SVP & Cashier; the Board of Directors includes William S.
26 Rowland, Charles A. Adams, Kenneth R. Diepholz, Steven L.
27 Grissom, Richard A. Lumpkin, Daniel E. Marvin, Jr., Gary W.
28 Melvin, Sarah J. Preston, R. Anthony Sparks, John W. Hedges,
29 and Joe Dively; Christie L. Wright is the Secretary to the
30 Board; therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust on the occasion
3 of its 140th anniversary; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust with our best
6 wishes for its continued success.