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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the staff and  
4 patrons of the YWCA McLean County on the 100th anniversary of  
5 the institution; and

6           WHEREAS, The City of Bloomington granted the charter for  
7 the first YWCA in McLean County and the location was opened in  
8 1908; and

9           WHEREAS, Highlights of the history of the YWCA McLean  
10 County include: in 1921 the YWCA purchased its first property  
11 on Jefferson Street in Bloomington, complete with a pool and  
12 cafeteria; and in 1929 Mary Lou Quinn of the Illinois Women's  
13 Athletic Club of Chicago sets the unofficial world record for  
14 the 150 yard freestyle swim in the YWCA pool; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1930 the YWCA joins other organizations to  
16 establish the first community camp, East Bay Camp at Lake  
17 Bloomington; in the late 1940s, YWCA members hold sit-ins in  
18 area "whites only" restaurants, including the YWCA's very own  
19 tea room; and in 1952 the YWCA invited the Director of the  
20 Chicago Commission on Human Relations to a discussion about a  
21 race riot in Cicero that happened after an African-American  
22 family moved into the all-white community; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1955 Caribel Washington became the first  
2 African-American President of the YWCA McLean County; in 1976  
3 the YWCA's current location on Hershey Road opened; and in the  
4 1990s the YWCA added Diversity Training and Study Circles to  
5 educate members of the community about racism; and

6           WHEREAS, In 1994 the Week Without Violence began  
7 nationally; in 2007 the YWCA added Medivan service, providing  
8 transportation to local residents to and from medical  
9 appointments; and in 2008 the 100th anniversary began for the  
10 YWCA McLean County; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 again congratulate the staff and patrons of the YWCA McLean  
14 County on the 100th anniversary of the institution and wish  
15 them the best in the future; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to a representative of the YWCA McLean County as a  
18 symbol of our sincere respect.