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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Galesburg Lions Club members on the 90th anniversary of the organization; and

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WHEREAS, On November 18, 1920, a charter was presented to the Galesburg Lions Club with Judge John F. Garner, International Director from Quincy, presiding; the Quincy Lions Club sponsored the Galesburg Lions Club, and Attorney L. Fred O'Brien was elected the first president; and

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WHEREAS, With 37 men present, Galesburg became the 12th Lions Club organized in the State of Illinois, and the 109th Club in the Association; and

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WHEREAS, The main goal of the Lions Club has been sight conservation for the past 65 years; the Galesburg Club responded to this ideal by purchasing eye glasses for school children, and later for people of all ages; over the years, thousands of pairs of glasses have been bought and distributed to those in need, with assistance by community optometrists and ophthalmologists, who charge minimal fees, helping the Lions Club to continue this program; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Galesburg Lions Club donated funds to local  
2 hospitals for eye equipment, hosting Glaucoma and Hearing  
3 clinics, and contributing to a foundation project to build an  
4 Eye Research Institute; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1922, the Lions Club donated suits of clothes  
6 to ex-servicemen coming out of the hospital; in 1940, the Lions  
7 Club began ringing bells for the Salvation Army, frequently  
8 raising the most money, and at times the most noise; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1925, the first road signs were placed to the  
10 entrances of Galesburg, acknowledging the Galesburg Lions  
11 Club; during World War II, the Lions Club helped man the  
12 Service Center each weekend; and in 1956 they built their first  
13 picnic shelter at Lake Storey; and

14           WHEREAS, Recent fundraising events include the  
15 presentation of a check for \$5,000 to the City of Galesburg for  
16 the construction of hiking trails and a gift of \$6,000 for the  
17 purchase of a scoreboard at the Little League Park at Hawthorne  
18 Center; and

19           WHEREAS, In the 1990s, the Lions Club welcomed women into  
20 their club; the women of Galesburg that have joined the Lions  
21 Club have served as chairs of many of the major committees and  
22 have participated in 100% of the activities; as the Club begins

1 its 91st year in the community, they continue to donate, give  
2 of time and talent, and serve others rather than themselves;  
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 congratulate the members of the Galesburg Lions Club and wish  
7 them continued success in the future; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the Galesburg Lions Club as a symbol of our  
10 respect and esteem.