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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the administration
4 and employees of Family Service of Champaign County on the
5 occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, Family Service of Champaign County is a human
7 service organization for those in the process of some change or
8 transition who are seeking support, assistance, or
9 information; the organization's mission statement, "Supporting
10 People Across the Generations by Providing Quality Human
11 Services" reflects both its long history and its current
12 purpose; and

13 WHEREAS, Family Service of Champaign County was founded in
14 1911 by a group of concerned local citizens who came together
15 to address the need to coordinate efforts to provide relief
16 from both the causes and effects of poverty; the organization
17 was originally called the United Charities of Champaign and
18 Urbana from 1911 to 1924; the agency was later known as the
19 Family Welfare Society from 1924 to 1945 and, since 1945, as
20 Family Service of Champaign County; and

21 WHEREAS, As a private, non-profit, non-governmental
22 organization, Family Service of Champaign County prides itself

1 on having the flexibility and vision to evolve to serve the
2 changing needs of the communities of Champaign County; over the
3 years, the organization has provided many vital services,
4 including a well-baby clinic in the 1920s and 1930s, support
5 for soldiers and their families during World War I and World
6 War II, a child protective service in the 1950s before the
7 creation of the Illinois Department of Children and Family
8 Services, and a broad array of services for seniors developed
9 in response to the 1970 White House Conference on Aging; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, Family Service of Champaign County assists
11 more than 12,000 individuals and families each year through its
12 numerous senior citizen services, including in-home care,
13 meals on wheels, volunteer support, transportation, assistance
14 for grandparents raising grandchildren, and elder abuse
15 protection; families and people of all ages receive counseling,
16 parenting support and education, family caregiver support, and
17 information about and referral to hundreds of community
18 services and self-help groups; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Family Service of
20 Champaign County has continued to play a key role in
21 coordinating community services; Family Service staff and
22 board members have been instrumental in the creation of the
23 United Way of Champaign County, the Champaign County Mental
24 Health Board, the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging,

1 the Senior Task Force of Champaign County, the Senior Wellness
2 Coalition, and many other collaborative groups; and

3 WHEREAS, Family Service of Champaign County continues to
4 enjoy strong support from public and private funding sources,
5 generous individual and corporate donors, community
6 collaborators, and the thousands of volunteers who generously
7 give their time and talent to help bring critical services to
8 their friends and neighbors in need; and

9 WHEREAS, Family Service of Champaign County will celebrate
10 the 100th anniversary of its founding with a celebration on
11 July 16, 2011 at 88 Broadway in the Lincoln Square Mall in
12 Urbana; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate the administration and employees of Family
16 Service of Champaign County on the occasion of the
17 organization's 100th anniversary and wish them continued
18 success in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Family Service of Champaign County as a symbol of
21 our esteem and respect.