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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of
4 EnerStar Electric Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their
5 cooperative; and

6 WHEREAS, EnerStar Electric Cooperative, which began as the
7 Edgar Electric Co-operative Association, was officially formed
8 on February 9, 1938, in Paris, Illinois, through the hard work
9 and dedication of a handful of local residents wanting to
10 improve living and farming conditions for themselves and their
11 neighbors; and

12 WHEREAS, Because of the lack of density, it simply was not
13 possible for the for-profit utilities to make a profit serving
14 rural areas with only a few farms or homes per mile of electric
15 line; with the help of loans from the Rural Electrification
16 Administration, these rural people banded together to form
17 rural member-owned and member-governed electric cooperatives;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, This group of local residents went door to door
20 signing up their neighbors to become members of Edgar Electric
21 Co-operative Association and convincing them that a
22 cooperative would bring lights and power to the rural area; and

1 WHEREAS, Their hard work paid off and Edgar Electric
2 Co-operative Association's lines were first energized on July
3 15, 1939, initially serving 539 member-owners in Edgar County;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Edgar Electric Co-operative Association was
6 renamed Enerstar Power in 1991, and later became Enerstar
7 Electric Cooperative in 2004; EnerStar Electric Cooperative
8 continues to provides reliable electric service to
9 member-owners in Clark, Coles, Douglas, Edgar and Vermilion
10 Counties; and

11 WHEREAS, For 75 years, the EnerStar Electric Cooperative
12 has served its member-owners based on 7 guiding principles:
13 voluntary and open membership, member-elected and controlled
14 boards of directors, members' economic participation, autonomy
15 and independence, education and training, cooperation among
16 cooperatives, and concern for community; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate EnerStar Electric Cooperative on its 75th
20 anniversary; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to EnerStar Electric Cooperative as a symbol of our
2 esteem and respect.