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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 Egyptian Electric Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their
5 cooperative; and

6 WHEREAS, Egyptian Electric Cooperative was officially
7 formed on August 25, 1938 in Murphysboro, Illinois, through the
8 hard work and dedication of a handful of local residents
9 wanting to improve living and farming conditions for themselves
10 and their neighbors; and

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

18 WHEREAS, This group of local residents went door to door
19 signing up their neighbors to become members of Egyptian
20 Electric Cooperative and convincing them that a cooperative
21 would bring lights and power to the rural area; and

1 WHEREAS, Their hard work paid off and Egyptian Electric
2 Cooperative's lines were first energized on March 30, 1940,
3 initially serving 224 member-owners in Randolph and Jackson
4 counties; and

5 WHEREAS, Egyptian Electric Cooperative continues to
6 provides reliable electric service to member-owners in
7 Jackson, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington, and
8 Williamson counties; and

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

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the members of the Egyptian Electric
18 Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their cooperative; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Egyptian Electric Cooperative as a symbol of our
22 esteem and respect.