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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Chicago  
4 Magnesium Casting Company on the 60th anniversary of its  
5 founding; and

6           WHEREAS, Donald R. Burnett, relying on his experiences in  
7 the United States Navy and equipped with a metallurgy degree  
8 from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, founded  
9 Chicago Magnesium on October 19, 1953, and for 60 years it has  
10 been at the forefront of magnesium and aluminum sand casting;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Chicago Magnesium began in a small one-room  
13 cinder-block building on a plot of land in south suburban Blue  
14 Island; a few dedicated workers started by pouring castings for  
15 the Piper Club airplane and making castings for a jukebox; and

16           WHEREAS, By 1959, Chicago Magnesium outgrew its original  
17 location and a larger foundry at the current Dixmoor site was  
18 built; the sixties and seventies saw continued growth with the  
19 company employing nearly 100 people and close to 75% of its  
20 production devoted to military aircraft; and

21           WHEREAS, In 1976, Chicago Magnesium was passed down to

1 Donald's son, Richard Burnett; he became President in 1996 and  
2 sole owner in 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, A celebration with the families of the 150  
4 employees that now work at Chicago Magnesium will take place on  
5 October 4, 2013; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate the Chicago Magnesium Casting Company on the  
9 60th anniversary of its founding; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Chicago Magnesium as an expression of our esteem  
12 and respect.