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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the owners and employees
4 of Hamilton's Catering Service on the occasion of the
5 organization's 100th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, Hamilton's Catering Service is a small family
7 owned business which has been serving Central Illinois for the
8 last 100 years; and

9 WHEREAS, The history of Hamilton's Catering Service began
10 in 1913, when "Doc" Hamilton, a candy maker by trade, bought
11 out the Ehnies Brother's Confectioners on East State Street in
12 Jacksonville and expanded the soda fountain portion of the
13 business by offering sandwiches and lunches; and

14 WHEREAS, Hamilton's Catering Service first provided
15 off-premises food service during World War I as Doc fed troop
16 trains passing through Jacksonville on their way to the war in
17 Europe; and

18 WHEREAS, In the early 1970s, the center of business in
19 Jacksonville started to shift from the downtown square to the
20 busy Morton Avenue area; Doc's son, George A. Hamilton, Sr.,
21 chose at that time to discontinue the restaurant and focus

1 solely on off-premises catering; and

2 WHEREAS, Soon after the closure of the restaurant,
3 Hamilton's Catering Service became involved in providing noon
4 meals to area senior citizens for the Prairie Council on Aging
5 and Senior Services of Sangamon County, a partnership still in
6 effect today; and

7 WHEREAS, As Hamilton's Catering Service became more
8 involved in serving senior nutrition programs, the operation
9 expanded to include Morgan, Sangamon, Menard, Scott, and Cass
10 Counties; as the Village of Franklin was the geographic center
11 of the region Hamilton's served, George Hamilton, Sr. decided
12 that he would relocate his kitchen to Franklin; and

13 WHEREAS, During the revitalization of downtown
14 Jacksonville, Hamilton's Catering Service opened a banquet
15 facilities with 3 rooms at 110 North East Street in
16 Jacksonville; and

17 WHEREAS, Hamilton's at 110 North East is one of the finest
18 locations for weddings, banquets, and meetings in Central
19 Illinois; this beautiful venue is located within one block of
20 where Doc Hamilton started it all more than 100 years ago;
21 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate the owners and employees of Hamilton's Catering
4 Service on the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary
5 and wish them continued success in the future; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Hamilton's Catering Service as a symbol of our
9 esteem and respect.