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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

6 WHEREAS, The Clinton County Electric Cooperative was
7 officially organized on December 31, 1939 in Breeze, Illinois,
8 through the hard work and dedication of a handful of local
9 residents wanting to improve living and farming conditions for
10 themselves and their neighbors; and

11 WHEREAS, Because of the lack of density, it simply was not
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, these rural people banded together to form
16 rural member-owned and member-governed electric cooperatives;
17 and

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

1 WHEREAS, Their hard work paid off and the Clinton County
2 Electric Cooperative's lines were first energized on March 26,
3 1940, initially serving 684 member-owners in Clinton County;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Clinton County Electric Cooperative continues
6 to provides reliable electric service to member-owners in
7 Clinton, Fayette, Madison, Marion, St. Clair, and Washington
8 counties; and

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

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

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