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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Oswego Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, The Chamber was originally known as the Oswego Business Men's Association dating back to 1937, becoming the Oswego Business Association in 1957 where meetings were held on the third Tuesday of each month; and

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WHEREAS, On July 12, 1984 the Oswego Business Association officially became the Oswego Chamber of Commerce to promote business throughout the Oswego area with Hamilton Grant serving as the Chamber's first President and Jeff Harvey as the first Vice-President; and

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WHEREAS, The mission of the Oswego Chamber of Commerce is to promote the growth and prosperity of Oswego businesses by connecting them to resources, relationship, and value-added benefits to foster a successful business community; and

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WHEREAS, In advancing the interests of business professionals and service organizations in the area, the Oswego Chamber of Commerce serves a vital role in the development and

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1 promotion of economic activity in Oswego, enhancing the quality  
2 of life of its residents; and

3 WHEREAS, The Chamber has been a strong partner working with  
4 major companies such as Jimmy Johns and Hobby Lobby, which  
5 recently announced that it will open a store in Oswego creating  
6 50 new jobs; and

7 WHEREAS, The Chamber and its energetic ambassadors host  
8 many community-building events throughout the year such as  
9 Coffee with the Chamber events, new business ribbon cuttings,  
10 the Chamber's annual dinner and the Business Expo which is held  
11 each spring to showcase the Chamber's members to the Oswego  
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, The Chamber sees Oswego schools as a vital partner  
14 for a healthy community and each year hosts a New Teacher  
15 Breakfast to welcome new teachers to the area and give them  
16 information on resources that assist the new teachers in and  
17 out of the classroom; the breakfast also provides the revenue  
18 needed for 2 scholarships awarded to a senior from each Oswego  
19 area high school each year; and

20 WHEREAS, The Chamber continues to help Oswego's business  
21 community grow and succeed as evidenced by its current 430  
22 active members; and

1           WHEREAS, The Chamber is ably led by its President/CEO Angie  
2           Hibben, Financial Accounts Manager Jeannine Kristianson,  
3           Administrative Assistance Meghan Wagner, and the Chamber's 11  
4           member Board of Directors including Chairman Tim Leverich,  
5           Vice-Chairman Annemarie Armbrust, Treasurer Scott Vickers,  
6           Secretary Lynn Flores, and the area business leaders who sit on  
7           the Board; and

8           WHEREAS, The Chamber has, for 30 years, served and will  
9           continue to serve as a model of hard work, integrity, and  
10          dedication in attracting jobs and improving economic  
11          development in the Oswego area and the State; therefore, be it

12          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13          NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14          we honor the staff and board of directors of the Oswego Chamber  
15          of Commerce for their work in attracting economic development  
16          to Oswego and congratulate them on the 30 years of excellence  
17          and dedication the Chamber has provided to the village of  
18          Oswego; and be it further

19          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20          presented to the Oswego Chamber of Commerce as a symbol of our  
21          esteem and respect.