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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Evanston History Center has announced the  
3 launch of the "Year of Dawes", a yearlong series of programs,  
4 publications, and events held in honor of the 150th birthday of  
5 Charles Gates Dawes (1865-1951); and

6           WHEREAS, Charles Dawes was an accomplished politician,  
7 serving as Vice-President under Calvin Coolidge, a Nobel  
8 laureate, a philanthropist, a family man, and one of Evanston's  
9 most famous citizens; and

10           WHEREAS, The year of special programming is designed to  
11 re-examine Charles Dawes' career and biography and to explore  
12 the larger context of an early-20th century world - Dawes's  
13 "heyday" - that has all but vanished; and

14           WHEREAS, The "Year of Dawes" will include a variety of  
15 programing, a special exhibit focused on Charles Dawes' life  
16 and career, and 2 publications: a new edition of Dawes' 1921 'A  
17 Journal of the Great War' and a biography of Dawes by  
18 award-winning author, Annette Dunlap, to be published by  
19 Northwestern University Press; and

20           WHEREAS, A series of lectures will also be offered, which  
21 will include biographical talks about the Dawes' family in

1 Evanston, an exploration of the landscape of the Dawes House,  
2 and talks on themes related to Charles Dawes' career and life,  
3 including finance, genealogy, adoption, and others; and

4 WHEREAS, The "Year of Dawes" officially kicks off on  
5 Charles Dawes' 150th birthday, August 27, 2015 at the Dawes  
6 House with a starlight party featuring live music, appetizers,  
7 cocktails, and a momentous announcement about the future of the  
8 Dawes House; and

9 WHEREAS, The "Year of Dawes" runs from August of 2015  
10 through August of 2016; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 recognize and congratulate the Evanston History Center on the  
14 launch of its exciting programmatic year in commemoration of  
15 the 150th anniversary of the birth of Charles Gates Dawes; and  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the leadership of the Evanston History Center as  
19 an expression of our esteem and respect.