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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate The Salvation Army on 150  
4 years of doing "The Most Good"; and

5 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army has a long history of doing  
6 "The Most Good" by providing, among other services, food,  
7 shelter, clothing, education, employment, educational  
8 opportunities, family counseling, toys for children, and  
9 relief during disasters and emergencies; and

10 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 by William  
11 and Catherine Booth as a Christian Mission in London, England  
12 to "preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, homeless,  
13 hungry, and destitute"; and

14 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army opened its first location in  
15 the United States in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

16 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army first organized in Chicago in  
17 1882, and opened its first "Slum Post" in 1892 to nurse the  
18 sick, clean rooms, wash and mend clothes, care for the  
19 children, and perform other practical tasks; and

20 WHEREAS, During World War I, The Salvation Army served

1 freshly-cooked donuts to troops on the front lines; and

2 WHEREAS, During the Great Depression, The Salvation Army  
3 opened its facilities to provide food, shelter, and employment;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, During World War II, The Salvation Army was  
6 instrumental in forming USO clubs for troops at home and  
7 overseas; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1965, The Salvation Army began providing family  
9 counseling to those in need; and

10 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division  
11 supported the response to the September 11, 2001 attacks with  
12 expertise, volunteers, and materials; and

13 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army currently consists of 40  
14 divisions with 1,252 corps, staffed by 3,600 officers, 63,000  
15 employees, 107,000 soldiers, 404,000 adherents, and 3.4  
16 million volunteers world-wide; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 congratulate The Salvation Army on 150 years of doing "The Most  
20 Good"; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to the Illinois, U.S., and international  
3 headquarters of The Salvation Army as a token of our gratitude  
4 and respect for the work that they do.