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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 125th anniversary of the
4 founding of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Joliet; and

5 WHEREAS, St. Joseph was founded on May 12, 1891 by
6 Slovenian immigrants who came to the area to work in the nearby
7 steel mills and settled along Chicago Street; the founding
8 members wished to celebrate Mass in their own language and
9 culture; and

10 WHEREAS, St. Joseph meets in a historic downtown building;
11 constructed in 1905, it is the church's second home; and

12 WHEREAS, The members of St. Joseph are active in their
13 community; the church is home to numerous organizations and
14 many of its members volunteer at the Shepherd's Table soup
15 kitchen and for clothing drives; and

16 WHEREAS, St. Joseph continues to grow; five years ago it
17 had a congregation of about 800 families, and as of 2016, that
18 number has grown to 860; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph
2 Catholic Church and wish it many more successful years; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to St. Joseph as an expression of our esteem and
6 respect.