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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the management and staff of the The Dixon Telegraph as they celebrate the 150th anniversary of the newspaper; and

WHEREAS, The Dixon Telegraph and Herald was formed in 1851; Benjamin F. Shaw and Charles Fisk joined together to form the newspaper; in 1856 Mr. Shaw, along with 11 other newspaper editors, formed the Republican Party in Illinois to address the slavery issue; and

WHEREAS, Eustace E. Shaw, Benjamin F. Shaw's son, and his wife, Mabel S. Shaw, continued the family business; after Eustace Shaw's death, his wife became the driving force of the newspaper; together with her sons, George, Benjamin, and Robert E. Shaw, Mabel Shaw formed the Shaw Newspaper Group, purchasing newspapers in Illinois and Iowa; and

WHEREAS, B. Douglas Shaw, son of Benjamin Shaw, served as the CEO of the Shaw Newspaper Group until his death in 1993; his son, Thomas D. Shaw, now serves as President and CEO; another son, Ben D. Shaw, serves on the Board of Directors; Eustace K. Shaw, the son of Robert E. Shaw, serves as Chairman of the Board; two of his sons, William E. and Robert A. Shaw, serve as publishers of Sauk Valley Newspapers in Dixon/Sterling and Northwest Newspapers in Crystal Lake; and

WHEREAS, The Shaw Newspaper Group operates 25 newspaper publications in Illinois and Iowa; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Shaw Newspaper Group and The Dixon Telegraph on 150 years of presenting news to the people of the Dixon area; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Thomas D. Shaw, President and CEO of the Shaw
3 Newspaper Group.