

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize organizations in the  
4 State of Illinois that have made valuable contributions to  
5 society; and

6 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of this House that  
7 Hadassah will celebrate its 90th anniversary on March 3,  
8 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, Henrietta Szold founded Hadassah, the Women's  
10 Zionist Organization of America, in 1912; it is the largest  
11 women's and largest Jewish membership organization in the  
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, Hadassah has over 14,000 members in the State of  
14 Illinois and chapters in every congressional district and  
15 Puerto Rico; and

16 WHEREAS, Hadassah's greatest achievement to date is its  
17 network of world-renowned medical and educational  
18 institutions in Israel; the Hadassah Medical Organization  
19 provides the highest quality health care to countless  
20 individuals from throughout the Middle East, regardless of  
21 race, religion, or nationality; this project is a resource  
22 for training health care professionals around the world; and

23 WHEREAS, The Hadassah Medical Organization is the leading  
24 medical institution in the Middle East to receive U.S.  
25 government funding via the U.S. Agency for the International  
26 Development's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad grant  
27 program; and

28 WHEREAS, In accordance with it's humanitarian mission,  
29 Hadassah has long supported a peaceful and secure Middle  
30 East; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to their efforts in Israel, Hadassah  
2 members work on issues of concern to women and the American  
3 Jewish community; their commitment to education is  
4 demonstrated by the accomplishments of many departments  
5 within the organization, such as the Jewish Education  
6 Department which is the leading scholarly center for Jewish  
7 life in America; and

8           WHEREAS, Hadassah's Government Relations Unit, comprised  
9 of the American Affairs/Domestic Policy and Israel, Zionist  
10 and International Affairs Departments, along with their  
11 Washington Action Office, educates Hadassah members and the  
12 general public on important public policy matters, and  
13 encourages widespread civic participation; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate Hadassah on its 90th anniversary and applaud  
17 the generosity and dedication of its members; and be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the Illinois chapter of Hadassah as an  
21 expression of our esteem.