

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A group of six German Sisters were invited to  
3 come to Peoria in 1876 to provide nursing care to the sick  
4 and injured; and

5 WHEREAS, The Sisters' dedication to their Mission and to  
6 central Illinois led them to establish their own order on  
7 July 16, 1877, henceforth calling themselves the Sisters of  
8 the Third Order of St. Francis; and

9 WHEREAS, The Sisters' first hospital, today's OSF Saint  
10 Francis Medical Center, was also established in 1877; and

11 WHEREAS, The Mission of the Sisters to serve with the  
12 greatest care and love led to a commitment to the poor that  
13 has never wavered; and

14 WHEREAS, The first hospital established by the Sisters,  
15 OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, has been in the  
16 forefront of medical innovation, technology, and service for  
17 125 years; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we extend our congratulations to the Sisters of the Third  
21 Order of St. Francis and to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center  
22 on the celebration of 125 years of continuous service to the  
23 people of central Illinois; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
25 presented to the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis  
26 and to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center as an expression of  
27 our esteem.