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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the Rotary Club of St. Clair
4 County (West), formerly the Rotary Club of East St. Louis, on
5 celebrating 100 years of service to the community and world;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Rotary Club 11 (St. Louis) sponsored the Rotary
8 Club of St. Clair County (West) as the first club in Rotary
9 District 6510; Rotary International chartered the club on March
10 1, 1917 as the 278th club in the world; Rotary International
11 has over 35,000 clubs around the world with over 1.2 million
12 members; and

13 WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of St. Clair County (West) is made
14 up of community and business leaders dedicated to high ethical
15 standards as set forth in the 4-Way Test that is recited at
16 each meeting; and

17 WHEREAS, Rotarians serve communities locally and around
18 the world through contributions of time, effort, and money;
19 Rotarians have traveled to other countries to support service
20 projects; in the past 100 years, St. Clair County (West)
21 Rotarians have contributed over \$140,000 to The Rotary
22 Foundation for funding grants around the world; in addition,

1 they have contributed over \$60,000 to rid the world of Polio in
2 the past 30 years; and

3 WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of St. Clair County (West)
4 sponsored the first District 6510 Interact Club at Althoff High
5 School in Belleville over 25 years ago, first EarlyAct club at
6 Edgemont Elementary in East St. Louis, scholarships to high
7 school seniors, sponsored students for Rotary Leadership
8 Awards, and hosted international exchange students; and

9 WHEREAS, In the past 60 years, the Rotary Club of St. Clair
10 County (West) has provided leadership for the District 6510
11 with six District Governors: William Popkess, Ray Sonnenburg,
12 Edwin McLean Sr., James Cavataio, Mel Weith, and Thomas
13 Ripperda; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 declare March 4, 2017 as Rotary Club of St. Clair County (West)
17 Day in the State of Illinois, and we urge our citizens to honor
18 their efforts by finding a way to serve their community; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Rotary Club of St. Clair County (West) as a
22 symbol of our respect and esteem.