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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Between 1917 and 1918, the active years of
3 American combat in World War I, business people all over
4 Illinois found themselves working together to support the war
5 effort; and

6 WHEREAS, After the coming of peace on November 11, 1918, a
7 day now remembered as Veterans Day, many business people
8 throughout the State wanted to maintain the ties that had
9 brought them together; and

10 WHEREAS, On May 27, 1919, in celebration of the return of
11 peace and prosperity and with high hopes for the future, 24
12 business leaders met in Quincy with plans to create a statewide
13 business organization that would promote and protect the
14 business climate in Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, The Secretary of State's office chartered the
16 Illinois Chamber of Commerce on August 2, 1919; and

17 WHEREAS, Many businesses throughout Illinois joined the
18 new organization and raised resources to open the Chamber's
19 office in Springfield in 1923; and

20 WHEREAS, Since 1919, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce has

1 used its resources to sponsor, publish, promote, and distribute
2 research on issues important to the Illinois economy and its
3 ability to maintain and create jobs; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2019, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce has
5 continued to take the lead in speaking out in favor of
6 Illinois' business community and advocating for pro-employment
7 and pro-growth policies throughout the State; and

8 WHEREAS, This year, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce is
9 celebrating its 100th anniversary as an entity that fights for
10 and protects workplaces, economic growth, and the development
11 of Illinois as a good place to live and to create jobs;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate the Illinois Chamber of Commerce on its 100
16 years of support for economic development in Illinois and wish
17 them many more successful years; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Todd Maisch, President and Chief Executive Officer
20 of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.