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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Elgin Public Museum of  
4 Natural History and Anthropology on the occasion of its 100th  
5 anniversary on November 12, 2020; and

6           WHEREAS, The mission of the Elgin Public Museum, a  
7 registered 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, is to enhance the  
8 knowledge of the natural sciences and anthropology through the  
9 use of exhibits and interactive experiences; and

10           WHEREAS, The purpose of the Elgin Public Museum is to  
11 promote a comprehension and appreciation of both the natural  
12 world and other cultures, both past and present, and to  
13 increase awareness of the consequences of the decisions human  
14 cultures have made through time; and

15           WHEREAS, The Elgin Public Museum offers exhibits and  
16 educational programs with natural history and cultural themes  
17 for families, school groups, Scouts, clubs, organizations,  
18 homeschoolers, and anyone who wants to have fun while learning;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, The Elgin Public Museum is situated within Lords  
21 Park, located on Elgin's east side, and is the only natural

1 history museum in the Fox Valley area; its building was  
2 designed by noted architect David Postle in 1904; and

3 WHEREAS, During the Depression Era, the Elgin Public Museum  
4 served the community by providing a low cost way for visitors  
5 to forget the difficulties many were facing at the time; as a  
6 result, attendance remained high during this period; and

7 WHEREAS, The Elgin Public Museum continued to serve the  
8 community and made history in 1996 when, under the leadership  
9 of Director Nancy Epping, it began the process of complying  
10 with the recently-passed Americans with Disabilities Act to  
11 offer greater accessibility; and

12 WHEREAS, Recently, the Elgin Public Museum has experienced  
13 a decrease in funding due to fallout from the Great Recession;  
14 despite this, it had an excellent year in 2019 and made great  
15 contributions to local education and tourism, which included  
16 130 school programs, Scout programs, and special events; and

17 WHEREAS, Since the COVID-19 outbreak, the Elgin Public  
18 Museum has strongly enforced mandatory masks and occupancy  
19 limits, so it can continue to provide crucial entertainment and  
20 distraction to the community, not unlike it did years ago  
21 during the Great Depression; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate the Elgin Public Museum of Natural History and  
4 Anthropology on its 100th anniversary and commend it for  
5 continuing to play such an important role in the Elgin  
6 community; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the members of the Elgin Public Museum of Natural  
9 History and Anthropology Board as an expression of our esteem  
10 and respect.