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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the Niles Historical and
4 Cultural Center (NHCC) building on the occasion of its 100th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, Located at 8970 North Milwaukee Avenue, the NHCC
7 building is one of the oldest municipal structures in the
8 Village of Niles and serves as a vital piece of the village's
9 history; although it does not have landmark status, it is a
10 local landmark in the community; and

11 WHEREAS, The NHCC building was originally built in the
12 unincorporated Maine Township to house the Cook County Highway
13 Police Station #1, with its construction beginning in 1923 and
14 the police station opening in 1924; and

15 WHEREAS, The NHCC building was later renamed the Cook
16 County Sheriff's Police Department, serving as its
17 headquarters until 1984, and during this time, the police
18 department worked many high-profile cases, including the
19 arrest of serial killer Richard Speck in 1966, the John Wayne
20 Gacy case of the late 1970s, and the horrific crash of American
21 Flight 191 at O'Hare Airport on the afternoon of May 25, 1979;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, The NHCC building began its transformation into
2 the Niles Historical Museum with the relocation of the Niles
3 Historical Society's artifacts from a hallway at the Trident
4 Center to 8970 North Milwaukee Avenue on March 25, 1985, and
5 the museum hosted its grand opening and dedication on October
6 25, 1986; and

7 WHEREAS, Today, the NHCC building remains the headquarters
8 of the Niles Historical Society and is open to visitors
9 year-round with no cost for admission thanks to donations that
10 fund its programs, exhibits, collections, and research; and

11 WHEREAS, The NHCC building's 100th anniversary in 2024 is
12 a time to honor the political, cultural, and historical
13 significance that it has had on the Village of Niles and
14 suburban communities in Cook County; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we recognize the Niles Historical and Cultural Center (NHCC)
18 building on its 100th anniversary and its importance to the
19 Village of Niles and Cook County; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Niles Historical Society (NHS) as an

1 expression of our esteem and respect.