



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois are pleased to recognize milestone events in  
4 the history of organizations in our State; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that the Modenese  
6 Society, formed in 1906 in Highland Park, is celebrating its  
7 100th anniversary; and

8 WHEREAS, The founders of the Modenese Society (Societa  
9 Modenese di Mutuo Soccorso) were a small group of laborers from  
10 the Village of Pievepelago and its surrounding area, located in  
11 the Apennine Mountain Range in the province of Modena in the  
12 state of Emilia Romagna in Italy; the Society was incorporated  
13 under the laws of Illinois in 1907; the principal purposes of  
14 the Modenese Society are to aid the members in case of  
15 sickness, to help a member's family in case of his death, and  
16 to be united against all calamities of misfortune; it is one of  
17 the oldest mutual aid societies in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to assisting members, the Modenese  
19 Society engages in many social activities and has been a  
20 sponsor of many civic causes; members strongly support their  
21 Italian culture and heritage in their new homeland, America;  
22 the group holds a number of activities each year, including an  
23 Easter bunny egg hunt for children, an annual members  
24 dinner-dance, a golf outing, a summer picnic with entertainment  
25 for children, a Columbus Day celebration, and a Christmas party  
26 for children; the club meets monthly on the last Thursday at  
27 the American Legion Hall in Highwood; and

28 WHEREAS, Today, the group has 242 members mostly located in  
29 Lake County; the club is open to all men of Italian descent;  
30 for those not interested in mutual aid benefits, it now offers  
31 social memberships; the famous Luciano Pavarotti has been an

1 Honorary Member of the Modenese Society for the past 20 years;  
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate the Modenese Society on the occasion of its  
6 100th anniversary; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the Modenese Society as an expression of our  
9 esteem.