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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of the YWCA of Decatur and Macon County; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA of Decatur and Macon County was founded in 1906 with a tearoom and gymnasium; on October 13, 2006, the YWCA will be honored at the Illinois State Historical Society's 22nd annual Centennial Awards Banquet in Chicago in recognition of this achievement; and

WHEREAS, During the past 100 years, the YWCA has provided service to women and their families to empower them and to promote self-sufficiency; while not only encouraging women to pursue educational and professional avenues, the YWCA has enriched their children by providing stimulating childcare targeted at character development, self esteem, kindergarten preparedness, dance classes, and homework help; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA works to enhance and provide programs that encourage women and their families to live to their fullest potential; through the School of Dance, the Child Development Center, School Age Care, and the Wear to Work program, the YWCA assists women in gaining independence professionally, and personally; and

WHEREAS, The YWCA is the oldest and largest multi-cultural women's organization in the world and boasts more than 25 million members in 122 countries, including 2 million members in 300 local associations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the YWCA is to eliminate racism and empower women; as an organization, the YWCA works to provide safe places for women and girls, build strong women leaders,

1 and advocate for women's rights and civil rights; therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we recognize the milestone 100th anniversary of the YWCA of
6 Decatur and Macon County; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the YWCA of Decatur and Macon County as an
9 expression of our esteem.