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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the owners and  
4 staff of the Siemer Milling Company on the company's 125th  
5 anniversary of service; and

6           WHEREAS, Siemer Milling Company is a family and  
7 employee-owned company that specializes in the milling of wheat  
8 flour to different specifications for the making of such foods  
9 as cookies, crackers, cakes, pretzels, batters and breadings,  
10 breads, and biscuits; and

11           WHEREAS, The Siemer Milling Company began in Teutopolis on  
12 November 6, 1882 when the company opened for business as "Hope  
13 Mills, Uptmor & Siemer Proprietors"; in 1906, Joseph Siemer and  
14 his son Clemens J. Siemer bought out the Uptmor interests and  
15 changed the name to Siemer Milling Company; and

16           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Quintin A. Siemer, son of  
17 Clemens J. Siemer, the company became recommitted to flour  
18 milling in the late 1950's as new opportunities presented  
19 themselves; by 1979, demand justified the opening of a larger  
20 mill in Teutopolis, a mill that has almost doubled in capacity  
21 since its creation; and

1           WHEREAS, Richard C. Siemer, son of Quintin A. Siemer,  
2 became the fourth generation of Siemers to lead the company in  
3 1986; their Illinois operations currently employ 65 people,  
4 process 6.3 million bushels of wheat annually with a current  
5 market value of about 35 million dollars, and produce 185,000  
6 tons of processed wheat products annually; the company also  
7 operates flour mills in Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and

8           WHEREAS, In 2000, the Siemer Milling Company established an  
9 Employee Stock Ownership Plan, which placed a significant  
10 percentage of company stock in a trust with all eligible  
11 employees as beneficiaries, so that the company's success will  
12 be translated into greater financial security for its  
13 participants; and

14           WHEREAS, The Siemer Milling Company's commitment to  
15 creating quality products and its sincere desire for customer  
16 and employee satisfaction makes the company a wonderful asset  
17 to the citizens of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate the owners and staff of the Siemer Milling Company  
21 on the company's 125th anniversary of service and wish them  
22 continued success in their future endeavors; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Siemer Milling Company owner Richard C. Siemer as  
3 a symbol of our esteem and respect.