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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of
4 Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of
5 their cooperative; and

6 WHEREAS, Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative was
7 officially formed on May 18, 1938 in Sullivan, Illinois,
8 through the hard work and dedication of a handful of local
9 residents wanting to improve living and farming conditions for
10 themselves and their neighbors; and

11 WHEREAS, Because of the lack of density, it simply wasn't
12 possible for the for-profit utilities to make a profit serving
13 rural areas with only a few farms or homes per mile of electric
14 line; with the help of loans from the Rural Electrification
15 Administration (REA), the people living in these rural areas
16 banded together to form member-owned and member-governed
17 electric cooperatives; and

18 WHEREAS, This group of local residents went door to door
19 signing up their neighbors to become members of Coles-Moultrie
20 Electric Cooperative and convincing them that a cooperative
21 would bring lights and power to the rural area; and

1 WHEREAS, Their hard work paid off and Coles-Moultrie
2 Electric Cooperative's lines were first energized on October
3 20, 1939, initially serving 753 member-owners in Coles and
4 Moultrie counties; and

5 WHEREAS, Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative continues to
6 provides reliable electric service to member-owners in Clark,
7 Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, Piatt and Shelby
8 counties; and

9 WHEREAS, For 75 years, the cooperative has served its
10 member-owners based on 7 guiding principles: voluntary and open
11 membership, member-elected and controlled boards of directors,
12 members' economic participation, autonomy and independence,
13 education and training, cooperation among cooperatives, and
14 concern for community; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the members of the Coles-Moultrie Electric
18 Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their cooperative; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative as a symbol of
22 our esteem and respect.