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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 40th anniversary of the  
4 Paul G. Stewart Center of the Peoples Consumer Co-Operative;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, The Peoples Consumer Co-Operative (PCC) was  
7 organized in 1937 as a cooperative buying club by a group of  
8 young, professional African-Americans; in 1937, it was very  
9 difficult for African-Americans to purchase quality goods and  
10 services; the PCC provided the vehicle for African-Americans to  
11 purchase quality goods in bulk in order to offer them to its  
12 members at discounted prices; the PCC later formed a credit  
13 union that assisted its member in purchasing single-family  
14 homes and multi-family buildings that were converted to housing  
15 cooperatives and condominiums; and

16           WHEREAS, The PCC got involved in government-assisted  
17 housing in the early 1970s; it sponsored and developed 893  
18 affordable housing units for senior and family households; the  
19 developments are named after Paul G. Stewart, the second  
20 African-American certified public accountant in the State of  
21 Illinois; and

22           WHEREAS, The Paul G. Stewart Center has nearly 1,200

1 residents; it is a community with opportunities for belonging,  
2 sharing, and interdependence; it is an environment that is rich  
3 in social and cultural activities; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1975, each new building and each new  
5 individual resident has been welcomed with the same warmth and  
6 quickly becomes integrated into the community; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 recognize the 40th anniversary of the Paul G. Stewart Center of  
10 the Peoples Consumer Co-Operative and wish them many more  
11 successful years; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the residents of the Paul G. Stewart Center as an  
14 expression of our esteem and respect.