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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Methodist College on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Methodist College is a four-year, private, not-for-profit college based in Peoria that is focused on nursing, health science, and human services education, with faculty, staff, and students striving to uphold the institution's values of human dignity, integrity, inquiry, and social justice; the school is affiliated with Carle Health and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC); and

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WHEREAS, Methodist College began as the Deaconess Home and Hospital, and its School of Nursing, a small hospital and nurse training program founded by three deaconesses of the Methodist Episcopal Church, opened in Peoria in 1900; it was initially located at 221 North Glen Oak Avenue on the bluff overlooking the Illinois River on property purchased from Mrs. Lydia Bradley; and

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WHEREAS, The School of Nursing celebrated its first graduating class, consisting of five students, in 1902; at that time, the nurse training program took two years to complete and students had to be over 21 years of age; each

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1 student received a monthly stipend of four dollars per month  
2 the first year and five dollars per month the second year; this  
3 continued for several years until tuition was charged; and

4 WHEREAS, Methodist College has evolved over the years,  
5 including changes to the school uniform, new buildings and  
6 dormitories, and more student experiences and organizations,  
7 delivering quality, transformational experiences that enable  
8 future healthcare leaders to enhance and contribute to  
9 positive health outcomes in the community; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout its 125-year history, Methodist  
11 College has always provided the best education to students;  
12 its history and alumni have built a strong foundation for what  
13 is now a premier healthcare college with multiple bachelor  
14 degree, certificate, and graduate nursing programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Methodist College has been led by Chancellor  
16 Kayla Banks, Ph.D., RN, NEA-BC, since April 2024; and

17 WHEREAS, Methodist College will celebrate its 125th  
18 anniversary on September 19, 2025; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we congratulate Methodist College on achieving its 125th

1 anniversary, and we wish the institution continued success in  
2 the years to come.