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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the life of Nelson Oliver
4 Nelson; and

5 WHEREAS, Nelson Oliver Nelson was born in 1844 in Norway
6 and later moved to St. Joseph, Missouri; at the age of 16, he
7 joined the infantry and fought for the Union during the Civil
8 War; once he returned home, he became a businessman in St.
9 Louis, working for Bignall Brothers; and

10 WHEREAS, Nelson Oliver Nelson had traveled to Guise,
11 France, where he observed the cooperative community, which led
12 to his purchase of 125 acres in Edwardsville; in 1890, he
13 established the Village of Leclaire, which thrived on his
14 leadership of profit-sharing; he established a library within
15 Leclaire and along with the library, he created one of the
16 first kindergartens in the area; and

17 WHEREAS, Nelson Oliver Nelson died on October 5, 1922; the
18 factories he built continued to turn a profit for decades
19 after his death; people continue to live in the Leclaire
20 neighborhood and build homes, and the Leclaire baseball field
21 that opened in 1892 continues to operate to this day;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we recognize the life of Nelson Oliver Nelson and his
4 accomplishments and contributions to his community; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the LeClaire Library as a symbol of our respect
8 and esteem.