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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events for businesses associated with the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1904 by A.J. Hartig, Hartig Drug Company has provided a century of service to many communities; and

WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company is the second oldest family owned chain in the United States; it is privately held; and

WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company has a long tradition of recognizing the talents and abilities of its employees; it was one of the first drug stores to employ a woman as a pharmacist/store manager at a time when it was rare to see women in top management positions; this tradition continues today with a large percentage of Hartig's top management comprised of women; and

WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company has fifteen stores located in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois, including traditional drug stores and a long-term pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company provides durable medical equipment, medical supplies, and oxygen to customers through Finley-Hartig Homecare in a joint venture with a local hospital; and

WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company and its employees are actively involved in the communities they serve; many charitable and community-based organizations have benefited from financial donations and gifts of time and service by Hartig Drug Company and its staff; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout its century of service, Hartig Drug
2 Company has focused on its customers; Hartig maintains a direct
3 line of communication with its customers using its "If you'll
4 talk, we'll listen" program; all customer comments are
5 personally reviewed by Keith Bibelhausen, President of Hartig
6 Drug Company; and

7 WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company embraces improved
8 technologies to maintain a high level of service to its
9 customers, and to meet high standards of quality assurance; and

10 WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company has established pharmacy
11 scholarships to encourage talented students to pursue a career
12 in pharmacy; and

13 WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company is proud of its staff of
14 knowledgeable and caring pharmacists and certified technicians
15 and of the friendly, helpful staff members serving their
16 friends and neighbors at the checkouts and service counters;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company has many long-term employees
19 who have been with the company for 15 years or more; several
20 employees have been with Hartig for more than 40 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Hartig Drug Company is led by third generation
22 family member Dick Hartig, owner and CEO, and by Keith
23 Bibelhausen, President, both of whom are pharmacists;
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
27 congratulate Hartig Drug Company on the occasion of its 100th
28 anniversary; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Hartig Drug Company as an expression of our
2 respect and esteem.