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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the owners and
4 employees of The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company in
5 Jacksonville on the occasion of the bank's 100th anniversary;
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7 WHEREAS, The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company
8 officially opened for business on January 4, 1911; organizers
9 of the Bank were composed of prominent businessmen and farmers
10 in the Morgan County community, who provided the necessary
11 capital of \$100,000 for the Bank; and

12 WHEREAS, The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company began
13 operating in temporary quarters at 231 1/2 West State Street in
14 Jacksonville; 11 months later, the Bank moved to 27 South Side
15 Public Square; in January of 1940, the Bank purchased the Ayers
16 National Bank building at 200 West State Street at a
17 foreclosure sale; the Bank's main branch opened its doors at
18 200 West State Street on July 26, 1941 and has remained there
19 even since; in 1986, the 200 West State Street site was
20 accepted into the National Register of Historic Places by the
21 United States Department of the Interior for being associated
22 with banking longer than any other site in the State of
23 Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1977, The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company
2 opened its West Morton branch, which continues its full-service
3 operations today; and

4 WHEREAS, The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company has
5 consistently been on the cutting edge of customer service; the
6 Bank implemented an electronic banking system in 1959 to
7 facilitate operations; the Bank was also the first to offer
8 home banking services in the State of Illinois in 1992; and

9 WHEREAS, The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company began a
10 Business/Education Partnership with Lincoln Elementary School
11 in November of 1992; the Bank proudly continues this
12 partnership to this day; and

13 WHEREAS, The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company and its
14 employees serve as models of hard work, integrity, and
15 dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate the owners and employees of The Farmers State
20 Bank and Trust Company on the occasion of the bank's 100th
21 anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness in

1 the future; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Joy French Becker, President of The Farmers State
4 Bank and Trust Company, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.