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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the
4 Monroe County Electric Co-Operative on the 75th anniversary of
5 their cooperative; and

6 WHEREAS, The Monroe County Electric Co-Operative was
7 officially organized on June 2, 1938, in Waterloo, Illinois,
8 through the hard work and dedication of a handful of local
9 residents wanting to improve living and farming conditions for
10 themselves and their neighbors; and

11 WHEREAS, Because of the lack of density, it simply was not
12 possible for the for-profit utilities to make a profit serving
13 rural areas with only a few farms or homes per mile of electric
14 line; with the help of loans from the Rural Electrification
15 Administration, these rural people banded together to form
16 rural member-owned and member-governed electric cooperatives;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, This group of local residents went door to door
19 signing up their neighbors to become members of the Monroe
20 County Electric Co-Operative and convincing them that a
21 cooperative would bring lights and power to the rural area; and

1 WHEREAS, Their hard work paid off and the Monroe County
2 Electric Co-Operative's lines were first energized on October
3 20, 1939, initially serving 383 member-owners in 3 counties;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Monroe County Electric Co-Operative continues
6 to provides reliable electric service to member-owners in
7 Monroe, Randolph, and St. Clair counties; and

8 WHEREAS, For 75 years, the Monroe County Electric
9 Co-Operative has served its member-owners based on 7 guiding
10 principles: voluntary and open membership, member-elected and
11 controlled boards of directors, members' economic
12 participation, autonomy and independence, education and
13 training, cooperation among cooperatives, and concern for
14 community; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the Monroe County Electric Co-Operative on its
18 75th anniversary; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the Monroe County Electric Co-Operative as a
21 symbol of our esteem and respect.