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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of  
4 Adams Electric Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their  
5 cooperative; and

6           WHEREAS, Adams Electric Cooperative was officially formed  
7 on May 11, 1938 in Quincy, Illinois, through the hard work and  
8 dedication of a handful of local residents wanting to improve  
9 living and farming conditions for themselves and their  
10 neighbors; and

11           WHEREAS, Because of the lack of density, it simply wasn't  
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 (REA), the people living in these rural areas  
16 banded together to form member-owned and member-governed  
17 electric cooperatives; and

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

1           WHEREAS, Their hard work paid off and Adams Electric  
2 Cooperative's lines were first energized on March 27, 1939,  
3 initially serving 1,400 member-owners in Adams County; and

4           WHEREAS, Adams Electric Cooperative continues to provides  
5 reliable electric service to member-owners in Adams, Brown,  
6 Hancock, McDonough, Pike, and Schuyler counties; and

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

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we congratulate the members of the Adams Electric Cooperative  
16 on the 75th anniversary of their cooperative; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Adams Electric Cooperative as a symbol of our  
19 esteem and respect.