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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 MJM Electric Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their  
5 cooperative; and

6           WHEREAS, The MJM Electric Cooperative was officially  
7 organized on April 5, 1939 in Carlinville, Illinois, through  
8 the hard work and dedication of a handful of local residents  
9 wanting to improve living and farming conditions for themselves  
10 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 MJM  
20 Electric Cooperative and convincing them that a cooperative  
21 would bring lights and power to the rural area; and

1           WHEREAS, Their hard work paid off and the MJM Electric  
2 Cooperative's lines were first energized on April 11, 1940,  
3 initially serving 224 member-owners in Macoupin County; and

4           WHEREAS, The MJM Electric Cooperative continues to  
5 provides reliable electric service to member-owners in  
6 Macoupin, Jersey, Montgomery, Bond, Fayette, Greene, and  
7 Madison counties; and

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

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

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