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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Joliet Region Chamber
4 of Commerce & Industry on the occasion of the 100th anniversary
5 of its founding on February 24, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, The Joliet Chamber was formed on February 24, 1914
7 with less than 25 members; today it has grown to more than
8 1,200; it is one of the oldest chambers in the State, and is
9 the fourth largest chamber in the State behind Chicago,
10 Naperville, and Rockford; and

11 WHEREAS, The formation of the Joliet Chamber was initiated
12 by members of the Rotary Club of Joliet who felt that the
13 efforts to attract businesses to locate in Joliet were
14 scattered and disorganized, and had not produced the desired
15 results; and

16 WHEREAS, The Joliet Chamber was first known as the Commerce
17 Chamber; it changed its name to the Commerce and Industrial
18 Association, and then the Joliet Chamber of Commerce; it
19 adopted its current name in 1962; and

20 WHEREAS, These days, the Joliet Chamber's main focus is on
21 legislation and education at both the State and national

1 levels; transportation is a major issue for businesses in
2 Joliet and Will County, and educating area students on how to
3 develop a product or business and fund it is paramount to
4 producing the next generation of business leaders; and

5 WHEREAS, The Joliet Chamber is helmed by President and
6 Chief Executive Officer Russ Slinkard; he has been with the
7 organization for 18 years; and

8 WHEREAS, The Joliet Chamber's mission remains to make
9 business more profitable and to improve the quality of life in
10 the community; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce &
14 Industry on its 100th anniversary, and wish them many more
15 years of success; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry
18 as an expression of our esteem and respect.