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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the members of the
4 Nineteenth Century Charitable Association on the occasion of
5 the organization's 125th anniversary on March 16, 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, The Nineteenth Century Club was established in
7 1891 by a group of visionary women who believed that education,
8 charitable activities, and civic involvement were vital
9 elements in a thriving community; the spirit of the founders
10 continues today in the work of the Nineteenth Century
11 Charitable Association through benevolence grants,
12 scholarships, and public programming in five areas - music,
13 art, literature, science, and social sciences; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 1891, the Nineteenth Century Charitable
15 Association has focused on strengthening the community through
16 learning; the organization's diverse membership builds
17 mutually beneficial partnerships, practices and promotes
18 charitable giving, and advances intellectual stimulation,
19 learning, volunteerism, and fellowship; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the years, the Nineteenth Century Charitable
21 Association has provided support as well as thousands of
22 donations to community organizations and not-for-profits

1 through direct community outreach grant funding and the reduced
2 or free use of its landmark building; the organization has also
3 funded over 1,000 four-year college scholarships to area
4 students, sewn and knitted more than 56,000 garments for
5 infants, children, soldiers, and those in need from natural
6 disasters, offered over 6,700 enriching and educational
7 programs in art, music, social science, science, and
8 literature, and has been a trusted community anchor that has
9 touched countless lives in the past 125 years; and

10 WHEREAS, The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association is
11 the sole owner of the organization's building at 178 Forest
12 Avenue in Oak Park, which is used to support and enable the
13 group's charitable and educational endeavors; various
14 charitable and cultural activities are supported by its over
15 200 members, volunteers, and donors, as well as events held in
16 this Oak Park Landmark; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate the members of the Nineteenth Century Charitable
20 Association on the occasion of the organization's 125th
21 anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness in
22 the future; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association as a
2 symbol of our esteem and respect.