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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 1118
2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of

Representatives wish to recognize the Illinois Association of REALTORS for its commitment to proudly representing the real estate industry in the State of Illinois for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Illinois Association of REALTORS is to be the premier real estate advocate for the public, its members, and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, In its 100-year history, the Illinois Association of REALTORS has become known as the "Voice for Real Estate" and it takes pride in advocating for the protection of private property rights and in helping families realize the American Dream of homeownership; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS achieves its mission by educating its members and by advocating on issues at the State and local level of government; and

WHEREAS, On April 25, 1916, the Articles of Incorporation
were signed creating the Real Estate Association of Illinois;
and

WHEREAS, Since its incorporation, the Illinois Association

- of REALTORS, has been watchful over the issues of property 1
- 2 taxes, tax reform, and fees that impact the transfer of real
- 3 estate; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS achieved its
- 5 primary goal of securing the first Illinois real estate license
- 6 law in 1922; amended many times over the following years, it
- 7 established standards for the real estate profession; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS partners
- 9 with the Regional Economic Applications Laboratory (REAL) at
- 10 the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to provide
- essential housing reports and market forecasts to Illinois 11
- 12 media; it also researches the positive economic impact of home
- 13 sales across many sectors of the Illinois economy; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS engages
- directly with consumers on local advocacy issues through the 15
- 16 Real Property Alliance; and
- WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS Relief 17
- 18 Foundation has provided needed assistance to hard hit
- 19 communities, donating more than \$575,000 toward disaster
- relief since 1997; teams of Illinois realtors, alongside 20
- 21 Habitat for Humanity, have assisted in rebuilding efforts
- 22 throughout the United States; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of REALTORS opened a
- 2 newly constructed headquarters building in the downtown
- 3 Springfield historic district in 2007 and has been a supporter
- 4 of the Springfield community as a sponsor of the Kidzeum's
- 5 Green Home Construction Exhibit and a founding supporter of the
- 6 Governor's Mansion Restoration Project; therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 9 recognize the Illinois Association of REALTORS, its members,
- 10 and its staff during its 100th anniversary celebration in
- 11 recognition of their advocacy on issues important to all
- matters related to real estate and private property rights; and 12
- 13 be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That we designate April 25, 2016 as "Illinois
- REALTORS Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further 15
- RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be 16
- presented to the Illinois Association of REALTORS and all local 17
- 18 realtors associations throughout the State of Illinois.