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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate and the House of Representatives recognize the Ansar Shriners' 100th anniversary on July 13, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Ansar Shriners was chartered on July 13, 1915 by action of the Annual Session of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (now Shriners International) and became the 136th chapter of the fraternity; and

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WHEREAS, The Ansar Shriners of Springfield is one of 5 Shrine Centers in Illinois; it is the 17th largest of the 193 Shrine Centers throughout the world; and

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WHEREAS, The members of Ansar Shriners exemplify the Masonic tenets of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and

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WHEREAS, Ansar is taken after the Arabic word meaning "Those Who Give Aid", which Ansar Nobles do through their support of the 19 Shriners Hospitals for Children, which provide orthopedic care, and 3 hospitals that provide pediatric burn treatment; treatment is provided at the hospitals regardless of the families' ability to pay for services; and

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1 WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, Shriners have been active
2 throughout central Illinois in parades, festivals, paper
3 crusades, and membership initiation ceremonies; and

4 WHEREAS, The Ansar Shriners will celebrate the
5 organization's 100th anniversary with a year of public events,
6 including parades, membership initiations, the Shrine Circus,
7 and events at numerous festivals and homecomings throughout the
8 State, concluding with a 100th year celebration on July 18,
9 2015 in Springfield; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate July 13, 2015 as Ansar
13 Shriners of Springfield Day in the State of Illinois; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That we recognize the success and dedicated
16 service of the Ansar Shriners on the occasion of the
17 organization's 100th anniversary; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Ansar Shriners of Springfield.