

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, This year the Young Men's Christian Association  
3 (YMCA) will celebrate 150 years of service to young men and  
4 women across the country; their mission "to put Christian  
5 principles into practice through programs that build healthy  
6 spirit, mind and body for all" is still as important today as  
7 it was all those years ago; and

8 WHEREAS, The YMCA serves 17.5 million people in  
9 communities across the United States; the programs include  
10 teen clubs, sports leagues, family nights, community service  
11 projects, gang prevention programs, and many others; and

12 WHEREAS, The YMCA reaches 9 million kids and teens in  
13 nonschool hours; the YMCA is the nation's largest provider of  
14 child care; 443 YMCAs work with juvenile courts; 323 work  
15 with public housing developments; 1,626 work with elementary  
16 schools; and 1,197 work with high schools; last year the YMCA  
17 raised \$693 million for scholarships, subsidies, and other  
18 community services; and

19 WHEREAS, The YMCA is volunteer-founded, volunteer-based,  
20 and volunteer-led; more than 600,000 volunteers work together  
21 to keep the YMCA meeting the needs of the community; and

22 WHEREAS, Programs at the YMCA include health and fitness,  
23 camping, night schools, swimming lessons, lifesaving  
24 programs, and many others; basketball, volleyball, and  
25 racquetball were all invented at YMCAs; and the YMCA  
26 encourages healthy living through their many fitness and  
27 sports programs; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
29 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
30 we congratulate the men and women who make up the YMCA; we  
31 wish everyone who is a part of this vital organization a

1 happy 150th anniversary, and continued good wishes for the  
2 future.