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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative, the Illinois Monarch Project, and Monarch Watch.

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