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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the citizens of the
4 Village of Western Springs as they prepare to celebrate the
5 Village Quasquicentennial on January 30, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, The Village was incorporated by the State of
7 Illinois in 1886 and the first election for Trustees was held
8 on January 30, 1886; Western Springs is named for the mineral
9 springs that were found in the area by the early settlers;
10 Western Springs is still one of the only municipalities in Cook
11 County that utilizes its own deep wells for the municipal water
12 supply; and

13 WHEREAS, The Water Tower is the Village's most distinctive
14 landmark and was built in 1892; Western Springs was dubbed the
15 "Queen of the Western Suburbs" by the Chicago, Burlington, and
16 Quincy railroad in the 1800s; and

17 WHEREAS, Outstanding citizens from the early years include
18 Thomas C. Hill, W.B. Wickersham, who served as the Secretary of
19 the Chicago Public Library, and Benzette Williams, Chief
20 Engineer of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Chicago; and

21 WHEREAS, One of the first businesses in town was a general

1 store owned by August Ekdahl at 810 Hillgrove Avenue; later
2 this building served as the first Post Office; the building now
3 stands on Wolf Road on the municipal grounds and is a historic
4 museum for the residents to enjoy; and

5 WHEREAS, Western Springs was one of the first
6 municipalities to offer emergency medical services to its
7 residents; the Village still operates a Paid-on-Call Fire
8 Department; the Village recently rebuilt its train station,
9 which is a replica of the first station; and

10 WHEREAS, The current population of the Village is 12,493
11 citizens; on January 31, 2011 they will gather to enjoy a
12 salute to the 2010 Citizens of the Year, a giant tower cake,
13 ice skating, choral performances, ice carving, storytelling,
14 and a bonfire for the grand finale; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the citizens of Western Springs on this
18 historical occasion and wish them the best for years to come;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Western Springs President William Rodeghier as a
22 symbol of our respect and esteem.