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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize the Village of Fairmont City  
4 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding; and

5           WHEREAS, On February 11, 1914, a petition was filed with  
6 St. Clair County to incorporate the Village of Fairmont City,  
7 and on March 3, 1914, with a population of over 300, the  
8 citizens voted in favor of incorporation; and

9           WHEREAS, Shortly after incorporation, ordinances were  
10 passed officially creating the village, establishing the  
11 municipal offices, and defining the responsibilities of office  
12 holders; the first village elections took place in April of  
13 1914, and the budget for 1915 was established at \$5,100; the  
14 first mayor of Fairmont City was Philip H. Cohn; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1936, Fairmont City Hall was built by the Works  
16 Progress Administration; the Mexican-American Society of  
17 Fairmont City was organized in 1941 for the purpose of  
18 providing assistance and social opportunities to the Mexican  
19 community; and

20           WHEREAS, The first Bottle Cap Tournament was held in 1972,  
21 and in 1989, Rose Lake School was demolished and the Gazebo

1 Park was built; the Veterans Memorial was moved from the Granby  
2 Diamond to the new park; and

3 WHEREAS, Alex Bregen became Fairmont City's mayor in 1996;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Zinc has long been an important commodity to the  
6 people of Fairmont City; the Granby Mining Company from Granby,  
7 Missouri built a zinc smelter in the village in 1912; the  
8 beginning of World War I, in June of 1914, created a shortage  
9 of European zinc and increased the demand for American zinc;  
10 the American Zinc Company purchased the Granby Mining Company  
11 in 1916; in 1967, the American Zinc Plant closed; and

12 WHEREAS, As of 2010, Fairmont City boasts a population of  
13 over 2,600 people and stretches between St. Clair and Madison  
14 counties; and

15 WHEREAS, The citizens of Fairmont City will celebrate its  
16 founding on October 18, 2014, beginning with a parade to Granby  
17 Park, and ending with the activation of the park's new  
18 lighting; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of the

1 Village of Fairmont City; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Fairmont City Mayor Alex Bregen as a symbol of our  
4 respect and esteem.