



HR0466

LRB100 12981 MST 27320 r

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 50th anniversary of the
4 construction of the Diageo plant in Plainfield; and

5 WHEREAS, The original 150,000 square foot facility was
6 built by the Distillers Company Ltd. on 33 acres, north of the
7 Village of Plainfield; the original facility employed 85
8 employees and had three production lines, two gin stills, and
9 one vodka processing column; the site was capable of producing
10 up to 7,000 cases a day; and

11 WHEREAS, For over 30 years, the facility remained a
12 relatively small operation, primarily producing Gordon's Gin
13 and Gordon's Vodka; it barely survived the deadly 1990
14 Plainfield Tornado; the site's future dramatically changed
15 with the formation of Diageo in 1997 and the introduction of
16 Smirnoff Vodka to the facility a year later; and

17 WHEREAS, On September 10, 2001, Plainfield celebrated the
18 opening of its 90,000 square foot Smirnoff ICE facility,
19 increasing the site's annual production capability by 12
20 million cases; the following day, September 11, 2001, the men
21 and women of Plainfield mourned with the rest of the country
22 and did their part to help relief efforts through the Diageo

1 Spirit of America Fund; when a major flood struck the area in
2 2013, Diageo decided to close down operations in order to work
3 on sandbagging efforts and to provide food and water to the
4 many volunteers working to prevent further flooding; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, after several multi-million-dollar site
6 expansions over the past 15 years, the Plainfield plant is
7 Diageo's premier North America manufacturing facility with 10
8 production lines generating millions of cases annually and
9 employing hundreds of citizens in the Will County area; the
10 plant is also home to such great brands as Captain Morgan,
11 Crown Royal, and Bulleit; and

12 WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, Diageo employees have been
13 proud of what they do to help people responsibly celebrate
14 life, every day, everywhere; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 recognize the 50th anniversary of the Diageo plant in
18 Plainfield, and we wish it many more years of success; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the employees of the Diageo plant in Plainfield as
22 a symbol of our respect and esteem.