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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Village of Kenilworth is located  
3 approximately 17 miles north of downtown Chicago and is the  
4 newest of the eight Chicago suburban "North Shore"  
5 communities; and

6           WHEREAS, Kenilworth was founded in 1889 when Joseph Sears  
7 purchased 223.6 acres of land between the Chicago and North  
8 Western Railroad and Lake Michigan for \$150,300; and

9           WHEREAS, Joseph Sears and several of his associates formed  
10 The Kenilworth Company to build his suburban dream; in 1891,  
11 all lots were offered at \$60 an acre, significantly above the  
12 \$15 an acre average for nearby property, and sold within 12  
13 months; on May 6, 1896, the Village reached the required 300  
14 residents and was incorporated; and

15           WHEREAS, Kenilworth's layout was designed to take  
16 advantage of the natural features and beauty of the land;  
17 streets were platted to maximize the availability of sunlight  
18 in each home, utilities were placed underground, no alleys or  
19 fences were permitted, construction standards were high, and  
20 there were large lots and paved streets; and

21           WHEREAS, Kenilworth contains houses designed by a number

1 of esteemed architects; George W. Maher fashioned the  
2 limestone pillars that mark the Sheridan Road entrances to  
3 Kenilworth and the original Kenilworth Avenue Fountain;  
4 Franklin Burnham joined The Kenilworth Company and designed  
5 the railroad station and the Kenilworth Union Church; Frank  
6 Lloyd Wright designed the Hiram Baldwin, a prairie school  
7 house, in 1905; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1899, the local women's club selected street  
9 names such as Abbotsford and Essex, which were adopted by the  
10 Village; and

11 WHEREAS, Kenilworth expanded by 40 acres in 1922 with the  
12 40 acres in the southwest belonging to the North Shore Golf  
13 Club; the Village now consists of a total area of 0.61 square  
14 miles; and

15 WHEREAS, The Village population reached 2,501 in 1930; in  
16 2010, the census counted 2,513 people living in Kenilworth  
17 with 800 households and 699 families; and

18 WHEREAS, Kenilworth has its own public school district  
19 with its only school being Joseph Sears School; and

20 WHEREAS, Notable places in Kenilworth include Kenilworth  
21 Assembly Hall, Kenilworth Beach, the Ware Garden, Mahoney

1 Park, the Hiram Baldwin House, and the Kenilworth Club, among  
2 others; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate the Village of Kenilworth on its 125 year  
6 anniversary on May 6, 2021; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 delivered to the Village of Kenilworth.