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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Village of Harwood Heights on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, In the 19th century, Israel Smith was the first settler who made his home in the area of what would become Harwood Heights; he left Chicago, traveling west to the first high point he encountered and purchased the land there; his family followed, purchasing land along the ridge that is now known as Smith's Ridge; and

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WHEREAS, Harwood Heights was incorporated years later in the autumn of 1947; the village was awarded an official charter on March 4, 1948, and the origins of its name remain a mystery to this day; and

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WHEREAS, Herbert Huening, the man who made the incorporation of Harwood Heights possible, was elected the village's first mayor after its incorporation; and

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WHEREAS, In the 1950s, Harwood Heights expanded south of Lawrence and annexed additional areas east of Harlem that remained, stretching to Narragansett; due to the village's rapid growth during this time, the Union Ridge School added

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1 new classrooms and a lunchroom, and the first church in the
2 Village was constructed; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1958, the citizens of both Harwood Heights and
4 Norridge took a vote to create a high school district and build
5 a school, resulting in Ridgewood High School, which opened its
6 doors two years later; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1963, Harwood Heights reached new heights with
8 the building of Parkway Towers, the first high rise apartment
9 buildings in the Northwest suburbs; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1964, Harwood Heights' Village Hall relocated
11 from the basement of then-Mayor Huening's home to the current
12 Village Hall on Wilson Avenue; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1968, the beginning steps of a fundraising
14 drive were taken to open the area's first library, resulting
15 in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, which moved from the
16 ground floor of Parkway Towers to Olcott Avenue to its current
17 residence on Oketo Avenue; and

18 WHEREAS, Harwood Heights has had nine residents serve as
19 mayor since its incorporation, with Mayor Arlene Jezierny
20 currently serving in the role, having served as mayor since
21 2009; and

1 WHEREAS, Harwood Heights is a thriving community in the
2 Northwest suburbs that possesses a rich history, culture, and
3 amenities; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate the Village of Harwood Heights and the Board
7 of Trustees on the village's 75 years of incorporation, and we
8 wish the village continued success in the years to come; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Harwood Heights Mayor Arlene Jezierny to
12 commemorate this significant anniversary.