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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Village of Roselle as
4 it commemorates its 100th anniversary this fall on October 7,
5 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, The Village of Roselle is a suburb of Chicago,
7 located in both DuPage and Cook Counties; first incorporated
8 in 1922 as a bedroom community, its train stop attracted
9 residents commuting to work in Chicago and nearby suburbs; and

10 WHEREAS, The land surrounding the current Village of
11 Roselle began to be settled in the early 1830s, as settlers
12 moved in next to the native Potawatomi people; and

13 WHEREAS, Silas, Harvey, and Lyman Meacham settled the area
14 now known as Bloomingdale Township as the government had been
15 offering land in the area for approximately \$1.25/acre; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1837, Deacon Elijah Hough and his wife settled
17 in the Bloomingdale area with his sons, Oramel and Rosell, and
18 his daughter, Cornelia; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1868, at the age of 48, Rosell Hough returned
20 from a career as an alderman and a businessman in Chicago and

1 saw that the area had become a farming center for corn and
2 flax; he opened the Illinois Linen Company on the northwest
3 corner of what is now Roselle Road and Irving Park Road; and

4 WHEREAS, Rosell Hough was also the president of the
5 Chicago and Pacific Railroad Company and was rumored to have
6 spent some money to alter a land survey to show that a railroad
7 line should run through Roselle, Itasca, and Wood Dale instead
8 of Addison and Bloomingdale; and

9 WHEREAS, It is alleged that the train schedule misprinted
10 the name of the town on the rail line as "Roselle" instead of
11 "Rosell", giving Roselle its current name; and

12 WHEREAS, Bloomingdale, including the northern Roselle
13 section, held its first town meeting in 1850, although it did
14 not incorporate until 1889; and

15 WHEREAS, The issue of water would eventually draw Roselle
16 and Bloomingdale apart, as Roselle residents were determined
17 to have their own water and sewer service, but Bloomingdale
18 residents did not want to pay the higher taxes needed to build
19 such as system; and

20 WHEREAS, At this time, the citizens of Roselle of
21 Bloomingdale realized they were paying a large portion of

1 Bloomingdale's taxes, a product of increasing population and
2 business growth; and

3 WHEREAS, Roselle residents decided it was time to become
4 independent of Bloomingdale, and in the summer of 1922, the
5 Roselle community held its last joint meeting with the Village
6 of Bloomingdale; and

7 WHEREAS, Roselle incorporated and received its charter on
8 October 7, 1922 with Herman Thiemann elected as the village's
9 first president; Reuben Baker, Herman Bartles, Henry
10 Haberkamp, William Thurnau, Al Roloff, and Ed Zarndt were the
11 first board members, and Earl Crandall was the first village
12 clerk; and

13 WHEREAS, Roselle has a fascinating history to commemorate
14 as it reaches its 100th anniversary this fall and is
15 deservedly marking the milestone with celebrations and events
16 throughout the 2022 year; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate the Village of Roselle on the centennial
20 anniversary of its founding, and we wish this community peace
21 and success in generations to come; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Village of Roselle as a symbol of our respect
3 and esteem.