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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Village of River  
4 Grove in recognition of its 135 years of establishment; and

5           WHEREAS, In the 1829 Treaty of Prairie du Chien, Claude  
6 LaFramboise received land alongside the Des Plaines River,  
7 encompassing most of what in 1888 would become River Grove,  
8 the "Village of Friendly Neighbors"; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1833, LaFramboise sold the northern half of  
10 the land to his sister and the other to Jesse Walker, which is  
11 now the site of Triton College; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1834, Jesse Walker and his son-in-law, David  
13 Everett, erected a bridge crossing the Des Plaines River along  
14 an Indian trail that would become Grand Avenue, which was a  
15 stagecoach line used to take passengers from Chicago to  
16 Galena; and

17           WHEREAS, Through a century of progress, River Grove  
18 experienced a hotel being built for travelers, the naming of  
19 Turner Park, the construction of the Rhodes subdivision, the  
20 establishment of a school and churches, and the incorporation  
21 of additional areas into the village; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1964, Triton College was founded on River  
2           Grove's southern border; and

3           WHEREAS, Proud of the village's vast amount of verdure,  
4           River Grove is home to 350 acres of forest preserve, 290 acres  
5           of golf courses and cemeteries, 35 acres of public school  
6           property, and six acres of parkland; and

7           WHEREAS, River Grove is also home to Gene and Jude's and  
8           has been for over 70 years, and the restaurant consistently  
9           ranks as one of the top producers of Chicago-style hot dogs as  
10          well as the "Depression Dog"; and

11          WHEREAS, Originally the Italianate-style home of Frederick  
12          Dohrmann, the River Grove Historic House & Barn is now a museum  
13          to show how people lived in River Grove in the late 19th  
14          century, connecting River Grove residents and visitors with  
15          the village's past; and

16          WHEREAS, River Grove is rich with culture thanks to its  
17          German, Irish, Italian, Polish, and Latino residents, and the  
18          village connects every summer with River Front Fest at River  
19          Front Park; and

20          WHEREAS, River Grove will celebrate its 135 years as a

1 village in 2023, marking an historic occasion and celebration  
2 for all residents; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate the Village of River Grove in recognition of  
6 135 years of establishment; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
8 presented to Village President David B. Guerin, Village Clerk  
9 Marjorie A. Manchen, Trustee Lynn M. Bjorvik, Trustee  
10 Christopher J. Lilly, Trustee Michele M. Obaya, Trustee Robert  
11 C. Thomas, Trustee Lora M. Lantgen, and Trustee Benjamin E.  
12 Ramirez as an expression of our esteem and respect.