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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Based out of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, the
3 Norwood Park Historical Society (NPHS) was established on
4 September 6, 1973 to preserve, protect, and share the history
5 of Norwood Park; and

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WHEREAS, An entirely volunteer-run operation, the NPHS
7 maintains a local history museum, archives, exhibits, and an
8 event space on the northwest side of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, The NPHS hosts a variety of events, including
10 general interest programs, game nights, and knit and crochet
11 nights, along with other special events; and

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WHEREAS, NPHS provides information on the evolution of
13 Norwood Park as a prairie, farm community, village, and now
14 vibrant city neighborhood; and

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WHEREAS, In 1831, Mark Noble Sr. arrived in the Chicago
16 Settlement from Yorkshire, England, and he and Margaret Noble
17 purchased real estate, including 150 acres of prairie that is
18 now Norwood Park; and

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WHEREAS, The Nobles built their home on Union Ridge, being
20 the first non-indigenous residents in the area, and their sawn

1 lumber home is the oldest existing house in Chicago; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1868, Thomas Seymour of Chicago's Board of
3 Trade and his wife, Louise, purchased the house and adjacent
4 property and then enlarged it with an Italianate addition; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1916, Charlotte and Stuart Crippen purchased
6 the Noble-Seymour House and adjoining property as a summer
7 residence and added plumbing and electricity, making Norwood
8 Park their permanent residence; and

9 WHEREAS, On New Year's Eve 1987, Agnes Crippen, the
10 daughter-in-law of Charlotte and Stuart, and her children sold
11 the house and remaining land to the Norwood Park Historical
12 Society, bringing a beloved addition for the NPHS in the new
13 year; and

14 WHEREAS, The NPHS made its headquarters in the
15 Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, including a museum, archives, and
16 meeting space; and

17 WHEREAS, On May 11, 1988, the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House
18 was designated a City of Chicago Historical Landmark, and on
19 August 10, 2000, it was listed on the National Register of
20 Historic Places; and

1 WHEREAS, Exhibits in the museum maintained by the NPHS
2 include Margaret Crippen's 20th century period-decorated
3 bedroom, photographs and maps displaying Norwood Park's
4 history, "Vanishing Norwood Park" to show the community's
5 changes over the years, and "Can You Dig It?" with artifacts
6 uncovered from the residence's lawn; and

7 WHEREAS, The Norwood Park Historical Society has preserved
8 the history of Norwood Park for half a century and enriched its
9 community by connecting residents with their neighborhood's
10 history; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate the Norwood Park Historical Society on 50
14 years of establishment.