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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Hinsdale is a commuter village along the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad that roughly encompasses the area between Kingery Highway, 59th Street, Interstate 294, and Ogden Avenue; and

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WHEREAS, Hinsdale sits on elevated prairie land and has a valley running east to west that splits Hinsdale's morainic hills, some of which rise to over 70 feet above Lake Michigan; and

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WHEREAS, Shortly after the Black Hawk War ended in 1833, a settlement developed north of present-day Hinsdale in an area along the Old Plank Road, or Ogden Avenue, near the banks of Salt Creek; and

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WHEREAS, This area, known as Brush Hill for its abundance of hazelnut bushes, grew into a thriving community of taverns, mills, and feed stores; by 1851, Ben Fuller had acquired most of Brush Hill, which he platted and renamed Fullersburg; and

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WHEREAS, In 1858, Ben Fuller petitioned the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad to build a line through Fullersburg; because of topographical problems, however, the line was built one mile south through Hinsdale's valley

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1 instead; and

2 WHEREAS, The tracks through Hinsdale were completed on May
3 20, 1864, and William Robbins hired landscaper H. W. S.
4 Cleveland to plat the village south of the tracks; the village
5 was platted in 1865, and a school was built the following year;
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7 WHEREAS, Hinsdale was incorporated on April 1, 1873 with
8 Judge Joel Tiffany as its first president; the Hinsdale
9 Library Association was incorporated in 1887; during the
10 1890s, the village installed a water pumping station, wood and
11 brick-paved roads in 1892, electric streetlights in 1896, and
12 a telephone exchange in 1896, and the Hinsdale Golf Club set up
13 links on Anson Ayres' property; and

14 WHEREAS, The Hinsdale Sanitarium was started in 1903;
15 improvements to the town in the 1920s included Ruth Lake
16 Country Club in 1922, the Madison school in 1924, and the
17 Hinsdale Theater in 1925; the Woodlands, an area east of
18 County Line Road, was annexed in 1917, and Fullersburg was
19 annexed in 1923; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1924, the Hinsdale Plan Commission was formed
21 to consider zoning ordinances; the colonial-style Memorial
22 Building, which today houses village offices, was built in

1 1928 and funded entirely by private donations; and

2 WHEREAS, From 1960 to 1975, Hinsdale arrived at its
3 present borders by means of eight different annexations; in
4 1975 Hinsdale annexed Katherine Legge Memorial Park, which had
5 been donated to the village by International Harvester; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the 1980s, Hinsdale has restored many of
7 its historic structures, and builders have been encouraged to
8 use the Georgian style of colonial architecture in keeping
9 with the Hinsdale Plan of early civic leaders; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, Hinsdale, located just 20 miles west of
11 downtown Chicago, offers natural beauty, hometown charm, and a
12 friendly community atmosphere and serves as an ideal base for
13 commerce, education, and suburban living; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we recognize the 150th anniversary of the Village of
17 Hinsdale's incorporation; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Village of Hinsdale as a symbol of our esteem
20 and respect.