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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 Lemont on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, Lemont was established in the year 1836, making it one of the oldest and most unique communities in northeastern Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Through the next several years, the I&M Canal was completed, the quarry industry grew steadily and dominated the economy of Lemont, churches and buildings were built of "Athens Marble", the Chicago & Alton Railroad was completed, and the population continued to grow; and

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WHEREAS, On June 9, 1873, an election was held for the purpose of deciding whether the citizens residing within the Lemont territory should organize as a village under an act of legislature to provide for the incorporation of cities and villages; the results of such election were 243 for village organization and none against it; and

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WHEREAS, Between 1890 and 1900, the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal was built and boosted Lemont's population; the village continued to prosper, families claimed land, new

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1 businesses opened, and the town expanded; and

2 WHEREAS, Through hard work and cooperation, pioneers built
3 Lemont, and their spirit remains part of the fabric of the
4 village as it progresses toward its future with a commitment
5 to preserving its heritage while fostering growth and
6 embracing its strong community spirit; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the Village of Lemont on the 150th anniversary
10 of its founding, and we wish the citizens many more wonderful
11 years; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the mayor of Lemont as a symbol of our respect and
14 esteem.