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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Village of Monee on
4 the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding by
5 Augustus Herbert in 1853; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1832, the Treaty of Camp Tippecanoe with the
7 Pottawatomie resulted in a gift of property to the five
8 daughters of Marie LeFevre Bailly, who was of half-French,
9 half-Ottawa descent, and her husband, Joseph Bailly; and

10 WHEREAS, While young Marie LeFevre Bailly was called
11 "Mah-ree" by the French, the Ottawa had no corresponding sound
12 for the letter "r" in their dialect, thus calling the little
13 girl "Mah-nee", and the area and later village were named
14 Monee in her honor; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1851, William Ogden, the first Mayor of
16 Chicago and leading investor in the Illinois Central Railroad
17 Company, purchased the property from the Bailly family for
18 five dollars an acre; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1853, the Village of Monee was platted for
20 founder August Herbert, who had obtained 160 acres in 1849
21 under a land warrant granted to him for services in the Mexican

1 War; he then sold a tract of 40 acres of his initial 160 to the
2 Illinois Central Railroad Company, which was also platted,
3 with both tracts of land forming the Village of Monee; and

4 WHEREAS, That same year, the Illinois Central Railroad
5 established a station at Monee, and that station led to the
6 growth of the town, which soon boasted a general store, a
7 schoolhouse, and a grain warehouse with several elevators; and

8 WHEREAS, A little over two decades later, the Village of
9 Monee was incorporated on November 9, 1874; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1905, the Village of Monee hosted its first
11 Monee District Fair, which later evolved into the annual Fall
12 Fest, the Monee Review newspaper was established, and a new
13 schoolhouse was constructed; and

14 WHEREAS, In the 1950s, the Village of Monee's fire
15 department purchased land, which would eventually become
16 Firemen's Park, the American Legion Auxiliary established a
17 post, the first elementary school was built, Crete-Monee High
18 School was constructed and started classes, gas lines were
19 introduced, the construction of Interstate 57 was announced,
20 and the current post office opened; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1974, the Village of Monee celebrated its

1 centennial with a number of events and activities, including a
2 parade, a play, the publication of a historical book, and the
3 burial of a time capsule; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Village of Monee's Monee Creamery
5 was granted Will County landmark status for it being one of the
6 last creamery structures in the county constructed out of
7 local Lockport limestone, achieving said status thanks to the
8 efforts made by the Save the Creamery Foundation, which
9 evolved into the Monee Historical Society; and

10 WHEREAS, With over 5,000 residents, multiple local and
11 global businesses, and the cohesive Monee's Alliance of
12 Churches (MAC), the Village of Monee has ample reason to
13 commemorate the achievements and legacy of the past 150 years,
14 while also eagerly anticipating the promising future that lies
15 ahead; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate the Village of Monee on the 150th anniversary
19 of its founding; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the Village of Monee and the Monee Historical
22 Society as an expression of our esteem and respect.