

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The City of Hometown was built by J.E. Merion as  
3 a community for men returning from service in World War II;  
4 the first home was built in 1949 and the town began filling  
5 up with service men; and

6 WHEREAS, Hometown consists of 1,546 duplex homes, 384  
7 co-op apartments, and four privately owned apartment  
8 buildings; the community has two schools, Our Lady of Loretto  
9 Roman Catholic Grade School and Hometown Elementary School,  
10 kindergarten through sixth grade; Hometown has two shopping  
11 centers, three parks, a public library, a Fire Protection  
12 District with volunteer paid on call firefighters; and

13 WHEREAS, There are many original owners still living in  
14 Hometown as well as many third and fourth generation  
15 families; a concept important to Hometown is that of  
16 neighbor; and

17 WHEREAS, The city government consists of a Mayor, City  
18 Clerk, City Treasurer, and 10 Aldermen; there is a full-time  
19 Police Department with a full-time Chief and over 30  
20 part-time patrol men and women; and

21 WHEREAS, The City of Hometown survived the tornado and  
22 snow storm of 1967 by pulling together as a community and  
23 helping one another; several current members of the city  
24 administration were born and raised in Hometown; therefore,  
25 be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
28 we congratulate the City of Hometown on the occasion of its  
29 50th anniversary on June 6, 2003; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
31 presented to Donald L. Robertson, Mayor of the City of

1 Hometown, as a token of our respect and esteem and with our  
2 best wishes for the continued success of the community.