



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The City of Trenton will celebrate the 150th
3 anniversary of its founding on May 14, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, William Lewis and his brother-in-law, A.W. Casad
5 of Trenton, New Jersey, first arrived in the area in 1818, and
6 Mr. Lewis located his farm where the present City of Trenton
7 stands today; in 1825, First Methodist Church, the first church
8 congregation, was formed, followed by St. Johns Evangelical,
9 and then St. Mary's Catholic Church; and

10 WHEREAS, A Mr. Buckman established the first post office in
11 1853, calling it Trenton, and the city was established on May
12 14, 1855, by Alva Lewis; Trenton was chartered as a village on
13 February 16, 1856, with Joseph Hanke serving as the first
14 mayor; Trenton Coal served as the main employment in the town
15 until 1909; and

16 WHEREAS, Trenton was incorporated as a city on September
17 20, 1887; the first newspaper, the Trenton Gazette/Sun, was
18 established in 1880 and is still in operation today; and

19 WHEREAS, The city celebrated its 100 year anniversary in
20 1955; at that time, the population was 1,400 and Trenton gained
21 the nickname "Friendly City"; in 1990, the city adopted the
22 slogan "A Growing Place - A Place to Grow"; and

23 WHEREAS, On June 22, 1993, because the city's zip code is
24 62293, Trenton celebrated "Zip Code Day"; in 2003, Trenton
25 received the Governor's Hometown Award; and

26 WHEREAS, Trenton's population today is 2,700 and continues
27 to grow; the present mayor of Trenton is Robert Louis Koentz;
28 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate the City of Trenton on the occasion of its
4 150th anniversary; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the City of Trenton as an expression of our
7 respect and esteem and with best wishes for many prosperous
8 years in the future.