



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is enriched by its vibrant
3 local communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Incorporated on October 24, 1880, the Village of
5 River Forest, Illinois is celebrating the 125th anniversary of
6 its founding; and

7 WHEREAS, The Village of River Forest began in 1831 as a
8 sawmill just north of Lake Street on the east bank of the Des
9 Plaines River; the mill was, reportedly, the only one within 20
10 miles of Chicago and was vital to the growth and settlement of
11 the River Forest community; and

12 WHEREAS, Settlers were attracted by the fertile land,
13 forest, and river, that bordered the community; and

14 WHEREAS, The arrival of the Galena and Chicago Union
15 Railroad in 1865 greatly impacted the growth and development of
16 the community; its regular service between Chicago and River
17 Forest brought many new residents to the community; and

18 WHEREAS, The Village of River Forest continues to prosper,
19 being one of the most affluent suburbs in Cook County; most of
20 the community land is covered by residential buildings,
21 churches, and educational institutions; the village boasts a
22 rich architectural heritage and a citizenry that appreciates
23 both the preservation of that heritage and of the good schools
24 and life it has developed; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we congratulate the Village of River Forest on the occasion of
28 the 125th anniversary of its founding; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Village Board of Trustees as a token of our
3 esteem.