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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is the privilege of this Body to recognize significant milestones in the history of the communities of our State; and

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WHEREAS, The Village of Peotone was founded in the year 1856 and will celebrate its 150th anniversary in June of 2006; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Central Railroad was completed in 1856, and land not held by the railroad was to be occupied by settlers who came together to form the Village of Peotone; by 1869, dirt streets, homes, and a small amount of business had been built and the village board had been formed; and

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WHEREAS, In 1872, a Peotone landmark was built; Peotone Mill would purchase wheat and rye from area farmers to be ground into flour and other grain for feed purposes; during the following years, many business were formed, including a photo gallery, the opera house, a blacksmith shop, an auto repair shop, a laundry, an undertaker, a hardware store, and many others; and

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WHEREAS, Peotone School District started in a one-room school house and has grown to the present 600 plus student body; the Village is also home to many churches and a library to serve the citizens of the area; and

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WHEREAS, The Village of Peotone will celebrate its 150th anniversary on June 24, 2006; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the citizens of the Village of Peotone on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Village's founding;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the Village of Peotone as an expression of our  
4 esteem.