



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Village of Buckley, Illinois will celebrate  
3 the 150th anniversary of its founding the weekend of July 28,  
4 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Pioneers first came into Artesia Township in the  
6 Buckley area as early as 1852 and most of the early history of  
7 the town is closely related to the development of the railroad  
8 from Chicago to Cairo; and

9 WHEREAS, Buckley was founded in 1856, by Ira Manley who  
10 purchased the land upon which the village stands from the  
11 railroad and surveyed and platted the town as a central place  
12 for business in the region between railroad stations at Loda to  
13 the south and Onarga to the north; and

14 WHEREAS, The Village has a population of 593 persons and is  
15 located in Iroquois County; and

16 WHEREAS, The celebration of the Buckley sesquicentennial  
17 marks a significant milestone in the lives of the citizens of  
18 this small rural community; marked by a fish fry, parade,  
19 volleyball tournament, tractor pull, softball, barbecue, and  
20 numerous other events and entertainment; it is both a testament  
21 to Buckley's past and a celebration of the town's future;  
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
25 we congratulate the Village of Buckley on the occasion of its  
26 150th anniversary; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to the village of Buckley as an expression of our  
29 respect and esteem and with best wishes for many prosperous

1 years in the future.