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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are honored to recognize the milestones of the communities in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Durand is celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary this year, with the theme of the celebration being "Traveling Through Time"; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Durand has had an interesting history; it was first settled in the fall of 1835, when Nelson Salisbury and Harvey Lowe came from LaPorte Indiana and staked claims in what later became sections 31, 32, and 34 of Durand Township; and

WHEREAS, In 1837, Heman Campbell, George and John Pettingill, Elijah and George Felts, George Cochran, John and B. Phillip, John A. Johnson, Stephen Reese, A. Cram, John H. Fleming, Charles M. Franklin, John and P. Mann, Dennis Brach, and George A. Fritz, Sr. all came to the area; the first Methodist class was organized that same year and the first Methodist sermon was preached by Rev. Whitford in the home of Scott Robb; and

WHEREAS, The first merchant, John Davies, settled in Durand in 1847; and by 1857, the business directory of the town listed 500 inhabitants and 100 families; and

WHEREAS, Many residents of Durand have also served their country; the town boasts two monuments for veterans; the first monument was dedicated on September 22, 1920 and carries the names of those who enlisted from Durand and Laona townships in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I; and the second monument was dedicated in 1997 for those who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Panama, and

1 Lebanon-Grenada; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 that we congratulate the citizens of the Village of Durand on  
5 its 150th anniversary and wish them and their town many more  
6 years of success; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to President of the Village of Durand.