



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor milestones in Illinois
4 history; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Harvard,
6 Illinois and the people of that community, will be celebrating
7 the sesquicentennial anniversary of their city; and

8 WHEREAS, The land that would become the community of
9 Harvard was originally purchased from the government by Abraham
10 Carmack and Jacob A. Davis, who then sold the property to
11 Gilbert Brainard; after the death of Mr. Brainard the land was
12 sold to a group of railroad men including the man who would
13 name the town: E.G. Ayer; and

14 WHEREAS, It was Mr. Ayers decision to name the town after
15 Harvard, Massachusetts; after his partners left the area Mr.
16 Ayers stayed on to watch the development of the community; and

17 WHEREAS, On November 25, 1856, Amos Page appeared before
18 McHenry County Judge J.M. Stroede and witnessed the signing of
19 the Plat of the Village of Harvard as surveyed by George Tyler,
20 Deputy Surveyor; and

21 WHEREAS, The City of Harvard is planning a Re-Signing of
22 the Plat of the Original Town of Harvard on November 25, 2006;
23 former mayors and the current city council will be on hand for
24 this historic moment; 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 people of Harvard, Illinois, on this
28 milestone in their community history; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to a representative of the City of Harvard.