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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate the Urbana Park District on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, The Urbana Park District is 7th oldest district in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, In celebration of the anniversary, in October 2007 a week-long celebration known as a Chautauqua will be recreated; previous Chautauquas were cultural, spiritual, political, and educational events held each year at Crystal Lake Park in Urbana from the late 1800s to the mid 1920s; they included such speakers as William Jennings Bryan, Helen Keller, Jane Addams, and Booker T. Washington; and

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WHEREAS, The first Chautauqua in Champaign-Urbana was held at West Side Park in August of 1894; it moved to Crystal Lake Park in August of 1896 and became known as the Twin City Chautauqua; by 1909 more than 5,000 people were attending the Twin City Chautauqua each year; and

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WHEREAS, The citizens have chosen the theme Community Values for the event-aiming to showcase the vibrant community that is Urbana (and its companion (twin) city, Champaign);

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1 entertainment and activities in the areas of children and
2 family, faith and religion, politics, arts, and natural history
3 are planned; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 congratulate the Urbana Park District on the occasion of the
7 100th anniversary of its founding; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Urbana Park District.