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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the people of Cicero as they celebrate the town's sesquicentennial year; and

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WHEREAS, Cicero is an incorporated town in Cook County; Cicero is named for the town of Cicero, New York, which in turn was named for Marcus Tullius Cicero, the Roman orator; and

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WHEREAS, In 1857 fourteen settlers met to organize a local government, which became the town of Cicero; and

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WHEREAS, Cicero has won the Governor's Home Town Award five times, including an award for the Cicero Youth Commission and their work overseeing the lessening of youth crime in the community; and

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WHEREAS, The 1980s and 1990s saw a heavy influx of Hispanic (mostly Mexican and Central American) residents to Cicero; Cicero was mainly a Czech or Bohemian town at one time; Cicero most recently is seeing a new influx of residents, mostly Puerto Rican and Polish; it has also has seen a revival in its commercial sector, with many stores and businesses moving into the community; and

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1 WHEREAS, Cicero has claimed the right to be called the
2 hometown of author Ernest Hemingway; Ernest Hemingway was a
3 Nobel Prize winner in literature and was the author of such
4 works as *The Old Man and the Sea* and *For Whom the Bell Tolls*;
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6 WHEREAS, Cicero residents remember when the town was
7 centered around Western Electric Company, which employed
8 40,000 people, more than the population of the community; the
9 company closed its doors in 1983; and

10 WHEREAS, The town has always been known for quality
11 schools, wonderful parks, and a great community library;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate the people of Cicero on this sesquicentennial year
16 and wish them the best in the future; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Larry Dominick, Town President, as a symbol of our
19 respect.