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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the residents of  
4 the City of Palos Hills on the occasion of the city's 50th  
5 anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, Melanchan Powell, one of the earliest settlers and  
7 first postmaster of Palos, suggested the name Palos, the  
8 namesake of Palos de Frontera, the port across the sea from  
9 whose harbor the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria sailed  
10 from on its voyage of discovery; and

11           WHEREAS, The first mayor of Palos Hills was elected on  
12 October 25, 1958 in response to the encroaching surrounding  
13 neighborhoods that threatened to break apart the area known as  
14 North Palos; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1962, the city's first four-year public high  
16 school, the Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, was founded; the  
17 school has prospered since its founding; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1967, the second largest community college in  
19 the State, Moraine Valley, was founded, which included  
20 approximately 294 acres of property; and

1           WHEREAS, Gerald R. Bennett, the mayor of Palos Hills since  
2 1981, began a new city administration in the early 1980s,  
3 improving roadways, drainage, sidewalks, lighting projects on  
4 the city's main streets, and neighborhood streets; and

5           WHEREAS, The Palos Hills Golf Club, designed by David  
6 Arthur Gil and built by Bradlink Inc., was constructed in 1990;  
7 the course was ranked one of the State's top new public courses  
8 in the 1990's; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1994, a new City Hall at 10335 South Roberts  
10 Road was dedicated, which houses the departments of  
11 Administration, Sewer & Water, Building and Licensing,  
12 Community Resources, and the city's Ordinance/Animal Control  
13 Officer; and

14           WHEREAS, The 2000 census counted the population of Palos  
15 Hills at 17,665 people, made up of a melting pot of many  
16 cultures, including Irish, Polish, German, Italian, and Greek;  
17 therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate the residents of the City of Palos Hills on the  
21 occasion of the city's 50th anniversary and wish them continued  
22 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Palos Hills Mayor Gerald R. Bennett as a symbol of  
3 our esteem and respect.