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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, In 1830 the early pioneers began to arrive to  
3 settle on the land that would someday become the Village of  
4 Glendale Heights; remnants of their homesteads remain present  
5 in the community today; and

6           WHEREAS, On July 13, 1959, the DuPage Board of Elections  
7 canvassed the vote on a ballot to incorporate the Village of  
8 Glendale, and certified that a majority of the 40 votes cast  
9 were in favor of incorporating the Village of Glendale as an  
10 Illinois municipal corporation; the total population of the  
11 Village was 104; and

12           WHEREAS, On August 22, 1959, the first local election was  
13 held for the election of the first Village President, Village  
14 Clerk, Police Magistrate, and a six-member Board of Trustees;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, On September 1, 1959 the Village Board held their  
17 first meeting at the home of the newly elected Village  
18 President, Anthony Larry; the first ordinance to be passed was  
19 to adopt a building code; and

20           WHEREAS, The Village was named Glendale because it was  
21 situated between the Village of Glen Ellyn on the south and the

1 Village of Bloomingdale on the north; it was soon discovered  
2 that there was already another town in the Illinois named  
3 Glendale, therefore "Heights" was later added in March, 1960;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Village of Glendale Heights experienced  
6 vigorous growth and development following its incorporation;  
7 in 1970 the Village adopted its first slogan "A Proud and  
8 Progressive Village"; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the key assets of the Village is its  
10 location on the regional highway network which has helped the  
11 community to become a desirable place in which live, work, and  
12 do business; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years since its incorporation,  
14 the Village has grown into a mature community with a current  
15 population estimated at 32,500 residents; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, the Village of Glendale Heights has a  
17 stable economy where numerous retail shopping centers and  
18 businesses totaling approximately 1,420,000 square feet have  
19 opened to provide essential goods and services to the community  
20 and the region; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, there are nine industrial business parks

1 totaling 465 acres in the community where numerous national  
2 firms and facilities have located, offering excellent  
3 employment opportunities to the Village residents and the  
4 surrounding areas; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, the Village of Glendale Heights is a Home  
6 Rule community boasting government facilities that include a  
7 Civic Center that houses all main government offices and the  
8 Police Department, a Public Works Facility that operates the  
9 local water supply, sanitary sewer system and wastewater  
10 treatment plant, and maintains approximately 80 miles of local  
11 roads; and

12 WHEREAS, The Village of Glendale Heights owns, operates,  
13 and maintains its own Parks & Recreation programs, including  
14 the Sports Hub Facility, 22 parks and playgrounds totaling 271  
15 acres including a 64 acre central community park, and an  
16 18-hole golf course and banquet facility; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, there are nine elementary schools, one  
18 parochial school, and Universal Technical Institute, one of the  
19 largest vocational schools in the country, is located in the  
20 Village; high school and college age students attend schools  
21 located in nearby towns; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, the Village of Glendale heights is served  
23 by the Glenside Public Library District, and two Fire

1 Protections Districts, Glenside FPD, and Bloomingdale FPD; the  
2 Adventist GlenOaks Hospital located in the community provides  
3 medical care, including emergency care, in their  
4 state-of-the-art facility which offers a "no waiting"  
5 treatment process; and

6 WHEREAS, The Village of Glendale Heights has received four  
7 Governor's Home-Town Awards that celebrate the volunteer  
8 efforts of its residents for successful community projects,  
9 including Christmas Sharing, Safety Town, Veterans Memorial  
10 Park, and the Family Health & Safety Fair; and

11 WHEREAS, To commemorate the 50th anniversary of its  
12 incorporation, the Village of Glendale Heights will host a  
13 year-long celebration under the theme "Celebrating the Past and  
14 Creating the Future"; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 wish the citizens of Glendale Heights a joyous time as they  
18 celebrate this anniversary year; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Village President Linda Jackson as a symbol of our  
21 respect and esteem.