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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 Wheaton on the occasion of the city's  
5 sesquicentennial anniversary on February 24, 2009; and

6           WHEREAS, Erastus Gary, along with Warren and Jesse Wheaton,  
7 traveled from the eastern city of Pomfret, Connecticut to  
8 present day Wheaton in the years 1837 and 1838; and

9           WHEREAS, The founding fathers of Wheaton made a deal with  
10 the railroad, securing a line to pass through the area, by  
11 offering free land to the Galena Chicago Union Railroad; and

12           WHEREAS, The railroad named the small town Wheaton; Wheaton  
13 was incorporated as a village on February 24, 1859, with Warren  
14 Wheaton serving as its first president; in 1890, Wheaton was  
15 incorporated as a city; and

16           WHEREAS, Since 1867 Wheaton has been the seat of the DuPage  
17 County government; and

18           WHEREAS, On February 17, 2005 the City of Wheaton became a  
19 City of ONE, joining the global movement to fight AIDS and stop  
20 poverty; and

1           WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton has been recognized for  
2           twenty-two years by the National Arbor Day Foundation as "Tree  
3           City U.S.A." for its tree program; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6           congratulate the residents of the City of Wheaton on the  
7           occasion of the city's sesquicentennial anniversary and wish  
8           them continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
9           further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          presented to Michael Gresk, Mayor of the City of Wheaton, as a  
12          symbol of our esteem and respect.