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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Village of Woodridge is celebrating its 50th
3 anniversary and the Woodridge Park District's 40th anniversary
4 this year; the Village of Woodridge was incorporated on August
5 24, 1959; in 1959, Woodridge's population was 459 people and
6 now, fifty years later, the population has grown to over 36,000
7 residents; and

8 WHEREAS, Leon Werch was the Village of Woodridge's first
9 Mayor; there have been nine mayors in the history of the
10 village, including the current Mayor, William F. Murphy; an all
11 volunteer police department was established in 1960 along with
12 an all volunteer fire company; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1959 Surety Builders rented a small house to
14 the village for the sum of \$1 a year; over the years the
15 facility housed the police department, the village clerk's
16 office, a courtroom, the building department, and the public
17 library; and

18 WHEREAS, Woodridge was recently recognized by Money
19 Magazine as one of the Top 100 Places to Live in the Nation;
20 Woodridge was also highlighted on an episode of the "World's
21 Greatest" television show as one of the World's Greatest
22 Communities; commercial growth in the Woodridge community has

1 resulted in over 10 million square feet of commercial and
2 industrial space that houses approximately 160 businesses and
3 employs over 6,500 people; and

4 WHEREAS, ProLogis Park Internationale Centre in Woodridge
5 is the third largest industrial park in the Chicagoland area;
6 the Woodridge Community Pantry provides food and supportive
7 programming for families and individuals in need in Woodridge
8 and surrounding communities; the pantry serves more than 5,200
9 families per year, including over 9,700 children and 1,200
10 senior citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, Dancing with the Community Resource Center Kids, a
12 Woodridge youth program, was the 2007 recipient of the DuPage
13 Mayors and Managers Conference Municipal Innovation Award;
14 Woodridge is the only three-time winner of this prestigious
15 award; and the Village Greens of Woodridge, a village-owned
16 golf course, was a recipient of the Illinois Golf Course Owner
17 Association Course of the year; and

18 WHEREAS, A quilt celebrating the community and park
19 district anniversaries and Woodridge's diversity was unveiled
20 on January 15, 2009; in addition to the quilt, the Diversity
21 Committee is holding a 50 for 50 Food Drive to help raise 50
22 tons of food for the Woodridge Community Pantry; and

1 WHEREAS, Woodridge has six elementary schools and one
2 junior high school within its borders; School District 68
3 services approximately 2,854 students in pre-kindergarten
4 through eighth grade; the District employs 203 full-time
5 teachers, and has an overall student/teacher ratio of 14:1; all
6 of Woodridge's schools have been accredited by the North
7 Central Association's Commission on Accreditation and School
8 Improvement (NCA CASI); and

9 WHEREAS, The Woodridge Bikeways System provides nearly 20
10 miles of recreation and transportation opportunities to access
11 businesses, schools, parks, forest preserves, municipal
12 services, shopping areas, and regional bikeways; Woodridge is
13 surrounded by 8 forest preserves; together, they add nearly
14 5,000 acres of open space to the Woodridge community;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate the citizens of Woodridge on these two important
19 anniversary occasions and wish them the best for their
20 community's future; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Mayor William F. Murphy as a symbol of our respect
23 and esteem.