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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the citizens of the
4 City of Lake Forest on the occasion of the city's 150th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The rich history of the City of Lake Forest began
7 in 1835, when Michael Meehan built his homestead near Old
8 Telegraph Road; in 1846, Lake Forest's first post office was
9 established near present-day Waukegan Road and Route 60; in
10 1857, Lind University, which would eventually become Lake
11 Forest College, was chartered; and

12 WHEREAS, On February 21, 1861, The City of Lake Forest
13 received its charter; Harvey M. Thompson was subsequently
14 chosen to serve as mayor of Lake Forest; Lake Forest's first
15 public elementary school, Quinlan School, was opened at Walnut
16 and Washington Roads the following year; and

17 WHEREAS, The City of Lake Forest continued to grow steadily
18 throughout the late 1800s; in 1894, the first consolidated K-12
19 public school in Lake Forest, Central School, opened on
20 Illinois Road; in 1895, telephone service was established in
21 Lake Forest and the city's first police officer, James Gordon,
22 was appointed; by 1896, the Highland Park Electric Light

1 Company brought electricity to Lake Forest; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1898, the Lake Forest City Hall was constructed
3 at Deerpath and Forest Avenue; that same year, the City
4 established a public library, appointed the first library
5 board, and established the Lake Forest Fire Department; and

6 WHEREAS, The arrival of the 20th century brought a period
7 of robust growth to the City of Lake Forest; in 1917, Market
8 Square, called "the first integrated and artfully designed
9 shopping center in the country" was completed at a cost of
10 \$750,000; in 1923, the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Kiwanis Club was
11 established; the Deerpath Theater was opened in 1928, followed
12 by the construction of the Lake Forest Library in 1931; by
13 1942, the Lake Forest Hospital was completed; and

14 WHEREAS, The City of Lake Forest continued its pattern of
15 prosperity in the latter half of the 20th century; the
16 provisions for the creation of a Chicago Bears training
17 facility at Lake Forest College were finalized in 1981; by
18 2000, the population of Lake Forest swelled to 20,059; and

19 WHEREAS, The City of Lake Forest will celebrate its 150th
20 anniversary on February 22, 2011, when the Lake Forest City
21 Council will perform a reenactment of the signing of the City
22 charter; and

1 WHEREAS, The City of Lake Forest and its citizens serve as
2 models of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people
3 of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate the citizens of the City of Lake Forest on the
7 occasion of the city's 150th anniversary and wish them
8 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 James Cowhey, Mayor of the City of Lake Forest, as
12 a symbol of our esteem and respect.