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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the patrons,  
4 owners, musicians, artisans, and thespians of the Palette,  
5 Masque and Lyre Theater in Antioch as they celebrate the 50th  
6 anniversary of the Theater; and

7           WHEREAS, The Palette, Masque and Lyre Theater was  
8 established in the early 1960s by people interested in  
9 producing plays, art works, and musicals; early members that  
10 are still active include Dee Baum, Aileen and Paul Biel, Art  
11 Doty, Hank Apostal, Shirley Jensen, and Betty and Ken Smouse;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, The group originally rented an empty theater  
14 building on Main Street in Antioch; the Crystal Palace had been  
15 used as a playhouse, burlesque hall, and movie theater; early  
16 productions by P.M. & L. Theater were put on for local PTAs,  
17 churches, and other organizations with proceeds going for  
18 building upkeep and operating expenses; and

19           WHEREAS, In 1983, the group was given the chance to  
20 purchase the building, and through donated money, time, labor,  
21 and skill the P.M. & L. Theater had a home of its own; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2000, an estate gift allowed the P.M. & L.  
2 Theater to remodel the building and add an addition; and

3           WHEREAS, A typical season at the Palette, Masque and Lyre  
4 Theater includes six shows representing three areas of theatre:  
5 drama, mysteries, and musicals; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate the men and women of the Palette, Masque and  
9 Lyre Theater as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of bringing  
10 the arts to Antioch; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the Palette, Masque and Lyre Theater Board of  
13 Directors as a symbol of our respect and esteem.