



HR0802

LRB097 20583 KXB 66222 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the people of Hazel
4 Crest on the Village's centennial; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1890, William McClintock purchased 80 acres of
6 land between Homewood and Harvey; he platted the land and
7 registered it as South Harvey; and

8 WHEREAS, A depot was built, opening up transportation to
9 Chicago and beyond; the depot later served as a real estate
10 office, a public meeting place, a Sunday school room, a day
11 school, and eventually the post office; and

12 WHEREAS, After being annexed by Homewood, the community
13 fought back, and led a campaign to de-annex from Homewood; a
14 petition drive changed the name to Hazel Crest, due to the
15 rolling nature of the land and the abundance of hazelnut
16 bushes; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1912, the citizens voted for incorporation; a
18 municipal service, a volunteer fire department, a public
19 school, and St. Anne Catholic Church all soon came about after
20 incorporation; the Illinois Central Railroad later built the
21 Markham freight yards, bringing Polish, Italian, and Serbian

1 workers into Hazel Crest; and

2 WHEREAS, The Village added many subdivisions, including
3 Pottawatomie Hills, Highlands, Pacesetter, Appletree, Village
4 West, Dynasty Lake, and several upscale developments over the
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2010 census places the population of Hazel
7 Crest at 14,100; and

8 WHEREAS, The community was one of the first to have a Human
9 Relations Commission, now known as the Community Relations
10 Commission; the Village has also been recognized for the
11 volunteer spirit of its residents with 2 Governor's Home Town
12 Awards; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate the people of Hazel Crest and wish them
16 continued good health and happiness for years to come; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Hazel Crest Mayor Dr. Robert B. Donaldson as a
20 symbol of our respect and esteem.