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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the people of
4 Wadsworth on the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the
5 Village; and

6 WHEREAS, The Wadsworth area was not settled as early as
7 many other communities in Lake County; it was not until the
8 mid-1840s that people followed the upper reaches of the Des
9 Plaines River to the area's great oak groves and meadows; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1873, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul
11 Railroad completed the construction of a line between Milwaukee
12 and Chicago which ran along the east bank of the Des Plaines
13 River; hoping to increase his land's value, local farmer John
14 Lux platted a village site in 1874; the "Milwaukee Road"
15 accepted the plat as a station stop, naming it Wadsworth after
16 Elisha Wadsworth, a major Milwaukee Road stockholder; and

17 WHEREAS, A post office opened in Wadsworth in 1874, but the
18 station was primarily used as a milk collection point for the
19 area's numerous large dairy farms for Chicago delivery; because
20 of the large amount of clay found in the area, 2 drainage tile
21 factories and a brick factory came into operation near the
22 station by 1886; and

1 WHEREAS, Since much undeveloped land still remained around
2 Wadsworth in 1958, Tempel Smith, owner of Tempel Steel Company
3 of Chicago, decided to purchase 5,000 acres next to the
4 original village for Tempel Farms, home to a troupe of noted
5 Lipizzan horses; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1962, most residents feared the annexation of
7 the land surrounding Wadsworth, including Tempel Farms, into an
8 aggressively expanding Waukegan; Wadsworth's residents voted
9 to incorporate their village and elected Albert Heiser the
10 first village president that same year; and

11 WHEREAS, The Village of Wadsworth will celebrate
12 incorporation with a 50th Anniversary Community Celebration
13 from August 17-19, 2012; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate the people of Wadsworth and wish them the best
17 for the future; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Village President Glenn Ryback as a symbol of our
20 respect and esteem.